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## Article

# Fuel Effects on Regulated and Unregulated Emissions from Two Commercial Euro V and Euro VI Road Transport Vehicles

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**Abstract:** Substantial advances in European road vehicle emissions have been achieved over the past three decades driven by strengthening revisions in emissions legislation and enabled by advances in fuel, vehicle engine and emissions control technologies. As both vehicle technology and emissions legislation in Europe continue to evolve, Concawe has conducted a study to examine the effects that fuels can have on emissions, in this case from commercial road vehicles. A bus certified to Euro VI emissions level and a delivery truck certified to Euro V emissions level have been tested on a chassis-dyno over the World Harmonized Vehicle Cycle (WHVC) and Transport for London Urban Inter-Peak (TfL UIP) test cycles with six fuels: an EN590-compliant B5 (petroleum diesel containing 5% biodiesel by volume), a bioderived paraffinic diesel, a 50:50 blend of the aforementioned fuels, a low-density petroleum-derived B5, a B30 and the same B30 additized with a high dose of cetane number improver (CNI). Results show reduced NO<sub>x</sub> reductant (AdBlue) consumption with paraffinic diesel in the Euro VI bus due to lower engine-out NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. More surprisingly, higher hydrocarbon emissions were observed with some low-density hydrocarbon fuels in the Euro V truck. Compared to B5, B30 with and without CNI did not affect tank-to-wheel (TTW) CO<sub>2</sub>, volumetric fuel consumption or NO<sub>x</sub> by statistically significant margins. When considered with the findings of a complementary light-duty study, it is apparent that low-density diesel fuels could offer overall benefits to both emissions affecting local air quality and to greenhouse gas emissions on a TTW basis. The addition of higher fatty acid methyl ester (FAME) levels to fuels can be used to increase renewable fuel contribution resulting in no penalty in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from modern technology vehicles. Compatibility of these fuels with the existing vehicle fleet would require further specific consideration. Outside of fuel properties considerations, Euro VI aftertreatment systems can increase N<sub>2</sub>O emissions at the tailpipe through chemical reactions in the catalyst. This can translate into about 10% contribution of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions to the overall GHG emissions of the vehicle.

**Keywords:** heavy-duty vehicles; bus; chassis dyno tests; pollutant emissions; alternative fuels; fatty acid methyl esters; paraffinic fuels



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## 1. Introduction

The EN590 specification [1] is used to control automotive diesel fuel quality in Europe to ensure the reliable operation of road vehicles. The current specification is the culmination of three decades of development driven by and enabling the introduction of sophisticated emissions aftertreatment devices such as diesel oxidation catalyst (DOC), diesel particulate filters (DPF), lean NO<sub>x</sub> traps (LNT) and selective catalytic reduction catalysts (SCR) to achieve low emissions performance of the incumbent vehicles. Going forward, fuels used in diesel engines are likely to develop further and diversify to help meet future targets for carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and other emissions associated with road vehicle use.



The current EN590 specification allows up to 7% *v/v* fatty acid methyl ester by volume (FAME), meeting the EN14214 specification to be blended into conventional petroleum diesel fuel. In addition, EN16709 provides a standard for B20 and B30 (petroleum diesel containing 20% and 30% biodiesel) fuels for use in captive fleets. It is anticipated that higher renewables levels will be needed in order to meet the future renewable energy targets mandated by the recast renewable energy directive (RED2), while the use of biofuels made from food and feed crops will be capped [2].

In this study, two fuels containing 30% *v/v* FAME (B30, one including cetane number improver, (CNI)) were tested and their results compared to a fuel containing 5% *v/v* FAME (B5). This was in order to determine the impact of using FAME at levels much higher than currently permissible in EN590 compared with those typical of current European diesel fuels. The addition of FAME into diesel fuel is well known to decrease the engine-out particulate matter (PM) emissions of diesel engines [3–5]. This effect is largely attributed to the presence of oxygenated compounds in the fuel which increases the local oxygen concentration in the rich area of the diesel flame, facilitating the oxidation of soot [6] and diluting aromatic hydrocarbons and especially polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in the diesel fuel with an aromatics-free blending component where the FAME is splash-blended. Previous Concawe work confirmed that the addition of FAME in diesel fuel decreases the engine-out PM emissions and noted a reduction in fuel consumption penalty associated with reducing the frequency of DPF regenerations [7]. Another study showed that the vehicles' volumetric consumption increased due to the reduced energy content of FAME/diesel blends, which could not be compensated for through better engine efficiency on the oxygenated fuels [8]. In general, previous studies have shown that increasing FAME reduces engine-out hydrocarbon (HC) and carbon monoxide (CO) and increases oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions to a lesser degree, all this being consistent with the presence of oxygenated compounds within the diffusion flame. However, it should be remembered that these results are from a collection of published studies that predominantly focused on heavy-duty engines (and primarily on US market engines) that were not equipped with NO<sub>x</sub> exhaust aftertreatment and were tested only over hot-start test cycles. It may not be reasonable to assume that these results will be representative of modern European vehicles that are equipped with a variety of aftertreatment technologies and are certified over a cold-start test cycle. There are considerably fewer publications related to modern light-duty diesel vehicles and the results that have been reported are generally less consistent than those from the heavy-duty tests. One study on light-duty engines [9] demonstrated that vehicle effects became stronger than fuel effects when emissions started to become very low. A later Concawe study examined the consumption and emissions effects of 10% FAME vs. FAME-free fuel on emissions and consumption in Euro 4, 5 and 6 vehicles. This showed that increasing FAME content had the expected effect of increasing volumetric fuel consumption whereas it had no consistent negative or positive effects on emissions and NO<sub>x</sub> penalties and PM benefits were only observed in the Euro 4 (non-DPF) vehicle [10].

Studies sponsored by California Air Resources Board (CARB) showed that use of more paraffinic fuels as blending components and addition of cetane number improvers could mitigate the NO<sub>x</sub> penalties experienced when using high FAME content fuels in US heavy-duty (HD) engines and trucks manufactured between 1998 and 2010 and subsequently some blends and fuel additives were certified for use in California for NO<sub>x</sub> mitigation in high FAME content fuels [11].

There are a number of EN590 specification properties defined to be environmental parameters according to the European Fuel Quality Directive [12] and previous regulations. The aforementioned Concawe study [10] considered other fuel properties as well as FAME: density, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), cetane number. It showed that in diesel cars certified to Euro 4, 5 and 6 standards, increasing density above the current EN590 specification limit increased tailpipe CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in all cases, with varied effects observed for other regulated emissions. Emissions effects of cetane number were inconsistent except for HC and CO benefits in New European Driving Cycle (NEDC), and not Worldwide

harmonized Light-duty Test Cycle (WLTC); for all vehicles indicating cetane number (CN), effects are vehicle- and test-cycle-dependent. Effects of higher PAH levels on tailpipe emissions were largely insignificant and a PM increase observed in the non-DPF car was not observed in the Euro 5 or Euro 6 vehicles. Overall, the effect of engine emission controls, vehicle calibration and test cycle clearly dominated fuel effects on emissions and efficiency.

Paraffinic diesel fuels (PDFs) can be derived from natural gas (gas-to-liquids, GTL), biological sources (such as so-called hydrotreated vegetable oil, (HVO), biomass-to-liquids, (BTL)) and power-to-liquids, (PTL). As some PDFs have become more abundant in the market (GTL, HVO), a European specification describing the quality for PDFs for use in automotive applications, EN15940, has been developed in recent years [13]. PDFs have been proven to have beneficial effects on vehicle tailpipe emissions, including PM, NO<sub>x</sub>, CO and HC [14,15], although some studies have shown that PN can be increased [16]. As well as the tailpipe or “tank-to-wheel” (TTW) benefits, these fuels can provide overall lifecycle CO<sub>2</sub> benefits when derived from renewable sources [17].

As both vehicle technology and emissions legislation in Europe continue to evolve, Concawe conducted a study (in 2019) to examine the opportunities that fuels can provide to further reduce emissions from light-duty diesel passenger cars [18]. Three European specification diesel cars spanning Euro 5, Euro 6b and Euro 6d-TEMP emissions certification levels were tested over the cold-start WLTC with six fuels: EN590-compliant B5, bioderived paraffinic diesel (HVO), a 50:50 blend of the aforementioned fuels, low-density petroleum-derived B5, B30 and B30 including a high dose of cetane number improver. It was concluded that low-density hydrocarbon fuels can offer benefits in TTW CO<sub>2</sub> and other GHG emissions and emissions impacting local air quality. Although paraffinic diesel fuels offer emissions benefits when used as a neat fuel, using paraffinic diesel as a blend component can give disproportionately large benefits in these emissions. This bodes well for cases where PDFs are in short supply and in the future when HVO, BTL and PTL fuels become more widely available. Advanced exhaust aftertreatment was found to suppress the negative NO<sub>x</sub> effects associated with the use of high FAME content fuels, opening the door to the use of such fuels in markets dominated by advanced vehicles, thereby enabling increased use of such renewables without local air quality drawbacks. In the European passenger cars tested, the use of high levels of CN did not mitigate any NO<sub>x</sub> penalty traditionally associated with the use of high FAME content fuels. Deleterious fuel effects were not evident in the emissions slated for future regulation (<23 nm PN, NH<sub>3</sub>); however, some additional benefits were noted from application of specific fuel qualities (CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O). It was evident that some traditional benefits of fuel quality on emissions were reduced or even eliminated in the tailpipe emissions of cars using advanced aftertreatment.

To complement the results of the aforementioned LD study, in 2020 Concawe commissioned a study of the effects of the same fuel set on emissions from two commercial vehicles. A heavy-duty (HD) bus certified to Euro VI emissions level and a medium-duty (MD) delivery truck certified to Euro V emissions level have been tested on a chassis-dyno over the World Harmonized Vehicle Cycle (WHVC) and Transport for London Urban Inter-Peak (TfL UIP) test cycle.

The objective of the study is to provide understanding of the effects that diesel fuels operable in current automotive technology applications could offer to both emissions affecting local air quality and to greenhouse gas emissions, with the focus on TTW effects. The fuels tested do not necessarily comply with the current EN590 specification and therefore it is recognized that compatibility of these fuels with the existing vehicle fleet would require further specific consideration which is outside the scope of the study.

Tests over the WHVC and TfL UIP chassis dynamometer test cycles rather than the Real Driving Emissions (RDE) protocol were appropriate to obtain the experimental repeatability required to analyze fuel effects, given that in a previous Concawe study, fuel differences spanning EN590 in terms of density were undetectable over RDE [19].

Testing was limited to one example each of a heavy-duty (HD) bus certified to Euro VI emissions level and a medium-duty (MD) delivery truck certified to Euro V emissions

level due to resource constraints. These vehicles were chosen with consideration of the typical age of vehicles in different commercial vehicle segments in Europe.

## 2. Materials and Method

### 2.1. Test Fuels

The test fuel set comprised commercially available fuels and fuel components already used in vehicles in demonstration fleets or commercial applications without modifications. The rationale for selecting such fuels was to consider fuel options that could be applied to, and potentially achieve, benefits in the existing as well as future fleets. The fuels were selected for their expected potential to provide benefits to both emissions affecting local air quality and to greenhouse gas emissions, with the focus on TTW effects. The fuels, F1–F6 (Fuel 1–6) are described in the following subsections, key fuel properties are listed in Table 1 and full properties are given in Appendix A.

**Table 1.** Key properties of test fuels (see full data in Appendix A for measurement methods).

	Units	F1-EN590 B5	F2-LD B5	F3-PDF	F4-PDF50	F5-B30	F6-B30+CNI
Density	kg/L	0.845	0.805	0.764	0.805	0.825	0.826
Cetane number	-	52.0	51.4	79.6	67.0	52.4	65.8
Viscosity at 40 °C	mm <sup>2</sup> /s	2.57	1.66	1.95	2.18	2.09	2.10
FAME content	%v/v	4.6	5.1	<0.1	2.4	30.5	30.3
PAH content	%m/m	3.6	0.8	<0.1	1.9	0.7	0.4
Total aromatics	%m/m	34.0	7.0	0.1	17.9	5.1	4.5
Carbon content	%m/m	86.45	85.33	84.62	85.66	83.59	83.60
Hydrogen content	%m/m	13.05	14.12	15.38	14.08	13.12	13.12
Oxygen content	%m/m	0.50	0.55	0.00	0.26	3.29	3.27
Net heating value (m)	MJ/kg	42.69	43.23	44.17	43.38	41.69	41.69
Net heating value (v)	MJ/L	36.07	34.80	33.75	34.92	34.39	34.44
CO <sub>2</sub> intensity (calc)	gCO <sub>2</sub> /MJ	74.2	72.4	70.3	72.4	73.4	73.4
IBP	°C	162.1	171.2	192.5	176.8	173.7	169.3
T50	°C	277.4	209.4	238.3	251.9	230.7	233.4
T95	°C	355.8	351.4	288.8	338.1	347.8	350.3
FBP	°C	366.7	362.7	301.5	354.1	354.5	354.9

#### Fuel 1—EN590 B5

The EN590 B5 fuel was selected to represent a current European diesel road fuel complying with EN590 and it provided a reference fuel for some of the other fuels in the set. This fuel comprised crude-derived petroleum diesel (95% v/v) and FAME type biodiesel derived from used cooking oil (UCOME, 5% v/v) which complied with EN14214. Density for this fuel was at the top of the density range permitted in the EN590 specification: 845 g/L and cetane number was close to the EN590 minimum at 52.

#### Fuel 2—Low-Density B5 (LD B5)

The Low-Density B5 (LD B5) was selected to represent a lower than EN590 specification density fuel derived from refinery streams normally used for jet and diesel fuel to enable the impact of reduced density and higher hydrogen-to-carbon (H/C) ratio on emissions to be evaluated while still using conventional refinery streams. The LD B5 fuel also acted as a reference fuel for some other fuels in the set and the biodiesel component was UCOME, complying with EN14214.

#### Fuel 3—Paraffinic Diesel Fuel (PDF)

The PDF was chosen to represent paraffinic fuels derived from natural gas (GTL), biological sources (such as HVO, BTL) and PTL fuels. In this case, Fuel 3 was HVO targeted at the lower end of the EN15940, class A specification in terms of density and, as such, enabled the impact of low density, high H/C ratio, low aromatics and high cetane number on emissions to be evaluated.

**Fuel 4—50:50 Blend of Fuels 1 and 3 (PDF50)**

The 50:50 blend of PDF and EN590 B5 (PDF50) enabled the impact of a paraffinic blend component on emissions to be evaluated. This fuel was included to represent scenarios in which availability of paraffinic fuels is limited, to cater for scenarios where vehicles are not compatible with pure PDF fuel and to determine in these cases whether or not emissions benefits can be expected to be proportional to the paraffinic fuel content. It was also postulated that paraffinic fuel blends could offer the opportunity to provide emissions benefits while remaining nearer to the existing EN590 specification.

**Fuel 5—B30 based on LD B5 (B30)**

The B30 fuel was configured from an altered ratio of the components in Fuel 2, low-density petroleum-based diesel (70% *v/v*) and UCOME (30% *v/v*). This fuel was designed to enable the evaluation of the impact of high FAME content levels, so far only used in Europe in captive fleets, on emissions. It was postulated that the increased NO<sub>x</sub> emissions historically associated with the use of high FAME fuels could be mitigated by the sophisticated exhaust aftertreatment used in the latest vehicles.

**Fuel 6—B30 + Cetane Number Improver (B30+CNI)**

Fuel 6 comprised Fuel 5 with a high dose of 2-ethylhexyl nitrate (2-EHN) CNI of 0.52% *v/v*, (B30+CNI). The rationale was that the addition of CNI was found to be effective at mitigating NO<sub>x</sub> penalties associated with the use of high biodiesel blends used in HD trucks in California [11] and could also yield some other emission benefits.

**Key Fuel Properties**

Key properties of the test fuels are summarized in Table 1 and full properties are listed in Appendix A. It is notable that there is an anomalous measured difference in PAH and total aromatics between F5 and F6, which is in fact within the reproducibility of the measurement method.

**2.2. Test Vehicles**

The test vehicles were chosen based on representation of:

- Vehicle types currently common in the European market;
- Engine and emission control technologies currently common in the European market;
- Vehicles certified to Euro V and Euro VI standards;
- Different parent original equipment manufacturers (OEMs);
- The typical age of vehicles in different commercial vehicle segments in Europe.

The test vehicles were rented by the test provider, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, from the Finnish market.

Key test vehicle details are given in Table 2.

**2.3. Experimental Program**

Experimental work was carried out at the VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland. Specifically, testing was conducted in a temperature-controlled heavy-duty chassis dynamometer (CD) with ambient temperature controlled to 23 °C, ±2 °C. Relative humidity was not controlled and varied between 10 and 30% in the test period. Humidity corrections (KH) were applied to NO<sub>x</sub> results.

**Table 2.** Key test vehicle details.

Description	Heavy-Duty Bus (HDV)	Medium-Duty Delivery Truck (MDV)
Emissions class	Euro VI	Euro V
Year of registration	2016	2012
Engine cylinders/displacement (dm <sup>3</sup> )	6 L/7.7	4 L/4.6
Peak power (kW)	235	162
Peak torque (Nm)	1200	850
Fuel injection equipment	Common rail, exhaust-mounted injector for aftertreatment heating	Common rail
Exhaust aftertreatment	HP EGR, DOC, DPF, SCR, ASC	HP EGR, DOC
Unladen weight (t)	14.65	6.0
Gross vehicle weight (t)	24.75	10.0
Vehicle mileage at SOT (km)	344,000	300,000

### 2.3.1. Vehicle Preparation

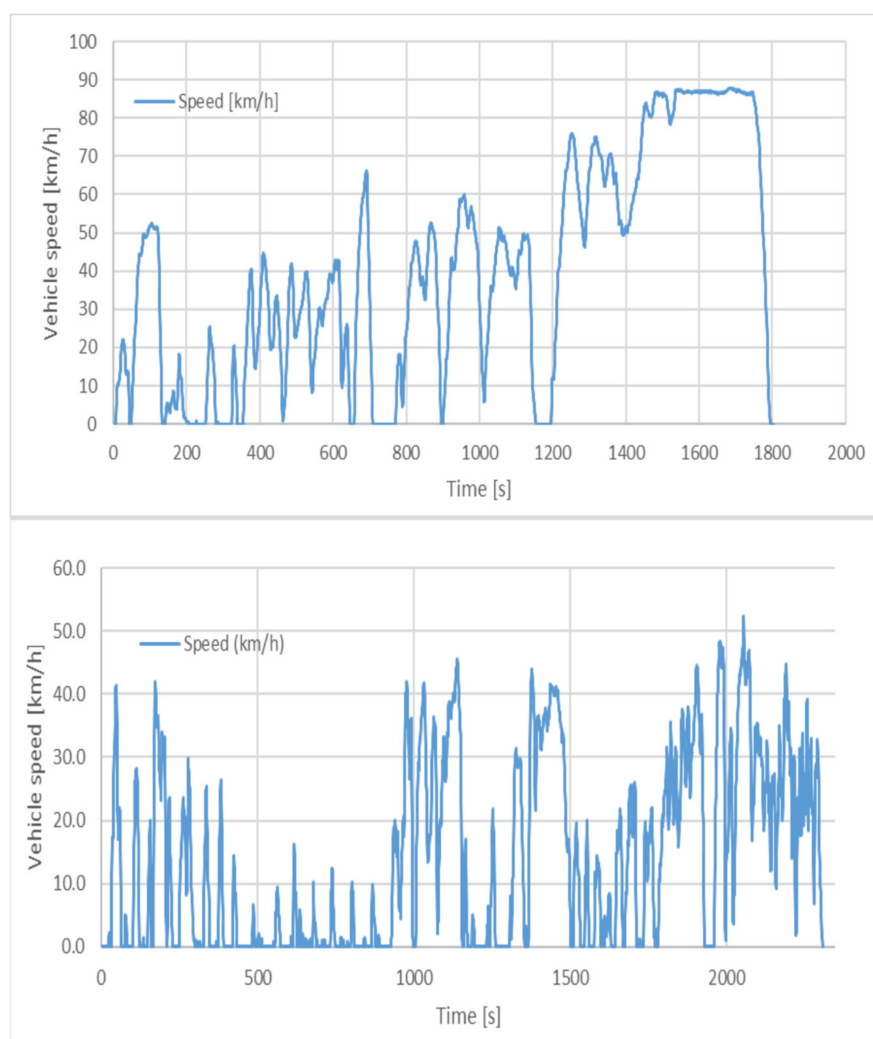
Ahead of testing, the serviceability of each vehicle and OBD were checked for existing faults and identified faults were rectified. The vehicles were within their recommended service intervals for the duration of the test program, thereby avoiding the need for servicing mid-program. Inertia based on the 50% payload level vehicle mass along with coast down times on reference vehicles of similar mass and size was used to derive road load models for testing. Fuel lines from and to the vehicle tanks were rerouted to enable fueling from external canisters and both delivery and return lines were routed via heat exchangers to control fuel temperature.

### 2.3.2. Test Cycles

Tests were conducted over World Harmonized Vehicle Cycle (WHVC) and Transport for London Urban Inter-Peak (TfL UIP) test cycles. The WHVC was developed from the World Harmonized Transient Cycle (WHTC) for emissions certification of heavy-duty engines to provide an equivalent for testing in vehicles and includes sections representing urban, rural and highway driving [20,21]. The TfL UIP cycle was chosen to investigate emissions performance over severe urban conditions. This is a congested-traffic cycle modelled on real bus driving between the morning and evening rush hours in London (NB: morning and evening rush hours are even more congested). The cycle takes around 40 min and covers approximately 9 km. The cycle has a low average speed, but is highly dynamic and features frequent idling, thereby presenting a challenging combination for the emissions control systems of low exhaust gas temperature quickly transitioning to high pollutant throughput [22]. The key features of the WHVC and TfL UIP cycles are compared in Table 3 and the speed profiles are illustrated in Figure 1.

**Table 3.** Comparison of features of the WHVC and TfL UIP test cycles.

	WHVC	TfL UIP
Time (s)	1800	2310
Distance (km)	20.1	8.9
Average speed (km/h)	40.1	13.9
Maximum speed (km/h)	87.8	52.3
Maximum acceleration ( $\text{m/s}^2$ )	1.59	2.67
Minimum deceleration ( $\text{m/s}^2$ )	−1.73	−3.29
Idle time (s)	247	789

**Figure 1.** Vehicle speed profile of the WHVC (upper) and of the TfL UIP test cycle (lower).

### 2.3.3. Measurements

Test measurements were collected via the CD monitoring system, vehicle and environmental data loggers and emissions analyzer equipment as listed in Table 4. The emissions measurement system implements a full flow constant volume sampler dilution tunnel (CVS). A bag sampling system was used for determining cycle average gaseous exhaust results. PM was measured using a filter paper sampling method. PN (in the range  $>23$  nm) was measured using a CPC with a diluter. FTIR units were used both pre- and post-engine after treatment (EAT) for determining the EAT effect on the emissions. The engine exhaust



mass flow was determined for the purpose of FTIR calculations from exhaust dilution rate in the CVS. Carbon balance fuel consumption (FC) was calculated from CO<sub>2</sub>, CO and HC results acquired from exhaust bag sampling in combination with fuel carbon content proportioned to total determined exhaust mass flow. As HC emissions were generally very low, they had an insubstantial impact on fuel consumption. These FC calculations were then double checked and compared with values from physical FC measurement. Total FC for each test cycle was derived from change in fuel mass measured on a balance. Vehicle urea consumption was likewise measured using a balance. Vehicle controller area network (CAN) messages (J1939 protocol) were acquired using a CAN-logger and obtained via the on-board diagnostics (OBD) port. Truck EGR position was measured directly from EGR-valve as this message was excluded from the standardized CAN-protocol. Voltage was directly measured from the EGR valve's control unit, therefore relative EGR valve position, rather than actual EGR rate being observed, but this was deemed sufficient to check that no differences in EGR level were being applied with different fuels.

**Table 4.** Main measurements and measuring systems.

Device	Metric	Principle
AVL CVS i60, CVS 2000	Dilute exhaust flow	Full flow CVS
AVL i60 IRD	CO, CO <sub>2</sub>	NDIR
AVL i60 HFID	HC	Heated FID
AVL i60 HCLD	NO/NO <sub>x</sub>	Heated CLD
AVL PSS i60	Particle mass	Filter paper mass
Mass balance	Fuel consumption	Gravimetric
Mass balance	Urea consumption	Gravimetric
Airmodus A23 and Dekati DEED-100	Particle number >23 nm	CPC + diluter
Froude-Consine AC dynamometer, single 2.5 m roller, 300 kW rating	Torque and vehicle wheel speed	Load cell and inductive pick up
Froude logger	Cell air and exhaust gas temperatures	K-type thermocouple
CAN logger	CAN/OBD vehicle data including oil and coolant temperatures	J1939 protocol
FTIR before EAT	CO <sub>2</sub> , CO, NO, NO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , HC	FTIR
FTIR post EAT	NH <sub>3</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O	FTIR

#### 2.3.4. Test Protocol

Each daily test sequence was executed in a predefined, consistent task order. Either 1, 2 or 3 passes through the test sequence were made depending on the operational circumstances (see Section 2.3.5 and Table 5). The test sequence tasks are listed chronologically in Table 6. In order to ensure consistent initial vehicle conditions in every test, the vehicle was conditioned by running on the CD at 80 km/h for 30 min before the initial test (WHVC) and 10 min before the subsequent TfL UIP cycle. These preconditioning steps were found to be sufficient to attain consistent and stable engine coolant and oil temperatures. The target triggering temperature for coolant was set at thermostat opening temperature: 89 °C (±1 °C) for the bus and 84 °C (±1 °C) for the truck, along with 100 °C (±1.5 °C) engine oil temperature for both vehicles. Switching test fuel was performed during the initial conditioning phase of each day. After switching, the fuel return line was diverted to waste with the engine running to ensure the system was sufficiently flushed. At the end of each



test day, a coast down curve was run to check that changes in vehicle frictional losses were not occurring that could confound detection of fuel differences.

**Table 5.** Actual fuels test order of valid tests.

Test No.	HDV Bus	MDV Delivery Truck
Test 1	F6	F4
Test 2	F3	F2
Test 3	F1	F5
Test 4	F5	F6
Test 5	F3	F3
Test 6	F2	F1
Test 7	F6	F5
Test 8	F1	F3
Test 9	F4	F2
Test 10	F6	F4
Test 11	F2	F1
Test 12	F4	F6
Test 13	F3	F2
Test 14	F5	F4
Test 15	F1	F3
Test 16	F5	F5
Test 17	F2	F1
Test 18	F4	F6
Test 19	F1	F4
Test 20	-	F1
Test 21	-	F3

**Table 6.** Single test protocol.

Step	Time (min)
Equipment warm up and calibration, fuel change	60
Vehicle warm up/conditioning (80 km/h) and fuel flush	30
WHVC test	30
Sample analysis	10
Vehicle conditioning (80 km/h)	10
TfL UIP test	40
Sample analysis	10
Coast down check (at end of day)	5
Total (h)	3.25

Throughout the program, exhaust gas temperature was monitored from the Euro VI bus to detect and respond to DPF regeneration events; however, none were detected during testing.

Engine lubricant levels were checked at SOT and thereafter the dashboard level indicators were relied upon to ensure that levels did not fall outside recommended limits.

### 2.3.5. Test Schedule

The test order was designed so that the three repeats on each fuel were positioned approximately symmetrically about the mid-point of the test sequence. This ensures that the fuel means would have experienced minimal adjustment had (linear) drift been present in the data and a correction applied. Each fuel was followed by a test on a different fuel and repeated pairings of the same fuels were also avoided so that, in the very unlikely event that the effects of a fuel carried over into the following test, any impact would be distributed across multiple fuels. Another consideration was to avoid, as far as practicable, all tests on any fuel being run in the same position within the test day. As Fuel 1 was used as a main reference, more tests were carried out on this fuel to increase the statistical power of the fuel comparisons. (Fuel 2 was also a reference for Fuels 5 and 6, but because three repeats were already scheduled on each fuel, no additional tests were deemed necessary.) Tests identified as invalid at the time of running were repeated in-sequence, whereas those identified later as non-conforming were repeated in a position in the sequence subject to the constraint of avoiding successive tests on the same fuel. The detailed formulation of the fuels was not disclosed to the test facility until after the test program was complete (details required for the correct calculation of fuel and energy consumption were disclosed). This ensured that all testing was blind and that the decision to omit any test as invalid on operational grounds and to repeat it was made without any knowledge of expected performance.

The actual test order (Table 6) deviated from the planned test order due to some tests being identified as potentially non-conforming or, in the case of the first test on the truck and the first four tests on the bus, affected by vehicle settling; these tests were repeated at the end of the planned test sequence in reverse order. Two more valid tests were run on the truck rather than the bus because some tests earlier in the sequence that appeared to be outliers were confirmed not to be so when the additional repeats were run.

## 2.4. Data Analysis

### 2.4.1. Data Quality

- As mentioned under “Test Schedule”, some tests were rejected from the analysis due to unusual high emissions, notably in CO<sub>2</sub>, in the initial tests. Specifically this was the first test sequence (of WHVC+TfL UIP) on the truck and first four test sequences (of WHVC+TfL UIP) on the bus and the cause was attributed to vehicle settling.
- No usable CH<sub>4</sub> data were generated; readings were below the detection limit and so CH<sub>4</sub> was not included in calculation of GHG emissions.
- Some PN and PM data were missing due to equipment malfunctions. In the respective tests this was the only omission and so the tests were not repeated.

### 2.4.2. Statistical Analysis

The statistical analysis was carried out separately for each vehicle and is based on a simple one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with fuel as the factor. Standard statistical methods such as ANOVA assume that the variation in the data is constant regardless of the level of the mean, but many emissions measurements exhibit proportional variation where the variability of the measurements increases with its mean level. This is not a concern for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, fuel consumption and the related GHG CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) and energy consumption measurements, as these are predominantly determined by the vehicle and fuel effects are small in relative terms. However, for other emissions where large proportional differences can arise between fuels, a weighted analysis has been applied where the weights correspond to  $1/(\text{Mean}^2)$ . This weighting has no effect on the fuel means but gives more weight to smaller measurements, which are more precise, and smaller fuel means will therefore have smaller confidence intervals than larger fuel means. Additionally, in line with other studies [18], PN was analyzed on the logarithmic scale with the results presented as geometric means.

The study was designed to evaluate the impact of fuel properties, namely density, paraffinic fuel content, B30 and B30 with CNI, via a small fuel matrix using a predefined

set of fuel comparisons. With more than one reference fuel involved, fuel differences have been assessed for significance using the Holm–Bonferroni method, which protects the family-wise error to provide protection against the risk of false positives but offers greater statistical power than other, more severe, multiple comparison tests.

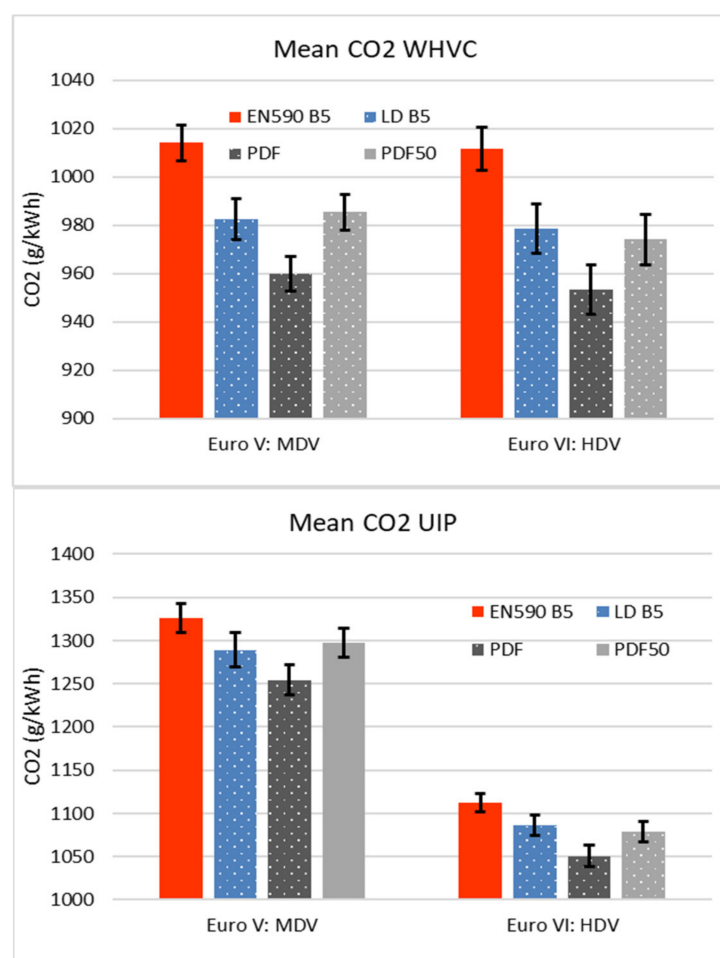
### 3. Results

Key results from the WHVC and TfL UIP are described in this section and the full results are tabulated in Appendix B. Where appropriate, results are expressed in terms of g/kWh as is normal convention for HD vehicles. Where shown on charts, error bars denote the 95% confidence intervals about the mean. Differences between fuel means that are statistically significant at the 95% confidence level from the comparator fuel are marked with patterned bars. Fuel comparisons follow logic based on blend similarity, as follows:

- EN590 B5 (F1) vs. LD B5 (F2), PDF (F3) and PDF50 (F4)
- LD B5 (F2) vs. B30 (F5) and B30+CNI (F6)

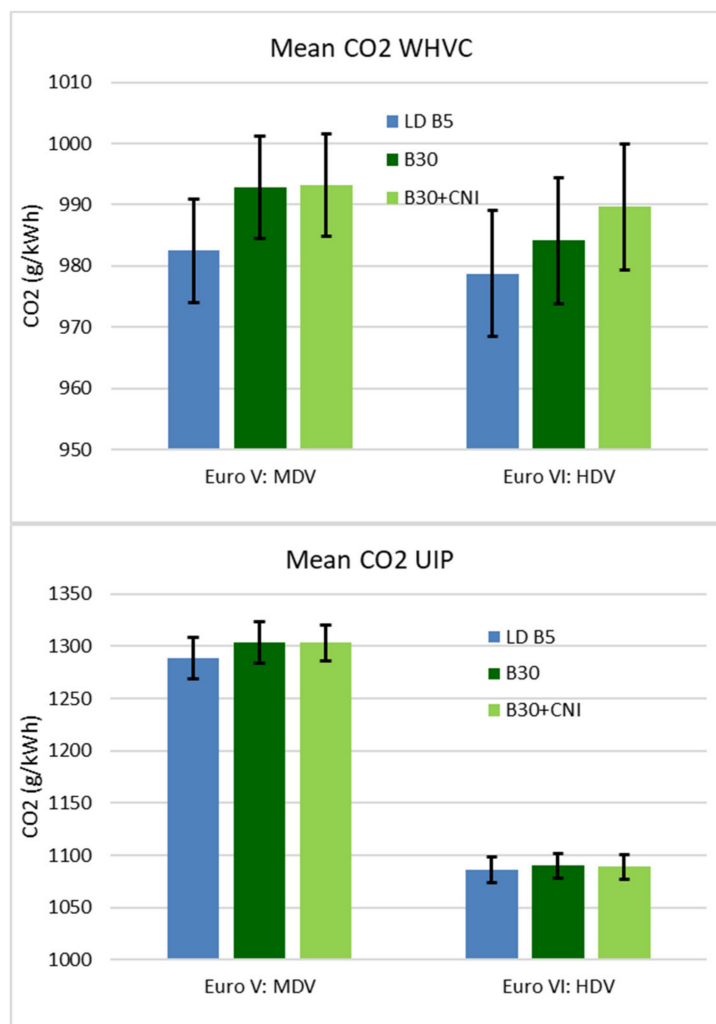
#### 3.1. Carbon Dioxide

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions differences between the EN590 B5 reference fuel, the LD B5, PDF and PDF50 are shown in Figure 2. These fuels with lower density and higher H/C ratio tend to give lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions than the EN590 B5. Differences ranged between 2 and 6%. Differences tend to be larger in the higher-duty WHVC test.



**Figure 2.** CO<sub>2</sub> from the EN590 B5, low-density B5, paraffinic diesel fuel and EN590 B5/PDF 50:50 blend, with error bars denoting the 95% confidence interval about the mean: upper WHVC, lower TfL UIP. Results which are significantly different from the EN590 B5 fuel are shown with patterned bars.

CO<sub>2</sub> results from the LD B5 fuel, the B30 and B30 with CNi are shown in Figure 3. No differences are statistically significant; however, there is a tendency for CO<sub>2</sub> to be directionally higher with B30 (+CNi) in both vehicles and test cycles.



**Figure 3.** CO<sub>2</sub> between the low-density B5, B30 and B30 with CNi, with error bars denoting the 95% confidence interval about the mean: upper WHVC, lower Tfl UIP. No differences are statistically significant.

All these trends regarding CO<sub>2</sub> are mostly correlated with the carbon intensities of the fuels (expressed in g of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted per MJ of fuel), which means that the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions mostly depend on two of the fuel properties (carbon content and net heating value) and that the fuels have almost no effect on engine efficiency (see Section 3.3 for confirmation of the latter observation).

### 3.2. Specific Fuel Consumption

Volumetric and mass specific fuel consumptions were calculated from the carbon balance of emissions, the fuel H/C, oxygen/carbon (O/C) ratios, energy content and density. Volumetric fuel consumption was dominated by fuel volumetric energy density and was therefore higher for the low-density fuels than the comparator EN590 B5 fuel; see Figure 4, upper two graphs. Conversely, mass specific fuel consumption is related to fuel energy density by mass, and is lower for fuels having a higher heating value, the latter being directly correlated with the paraffinic content for PDF and PDF50; see Figure 4, lower two graphs. Fuel consumption was also measured gravimetrically and once converted

to the same units, similar trends were observed in both measures (see Appendix B for gravimetric FC).

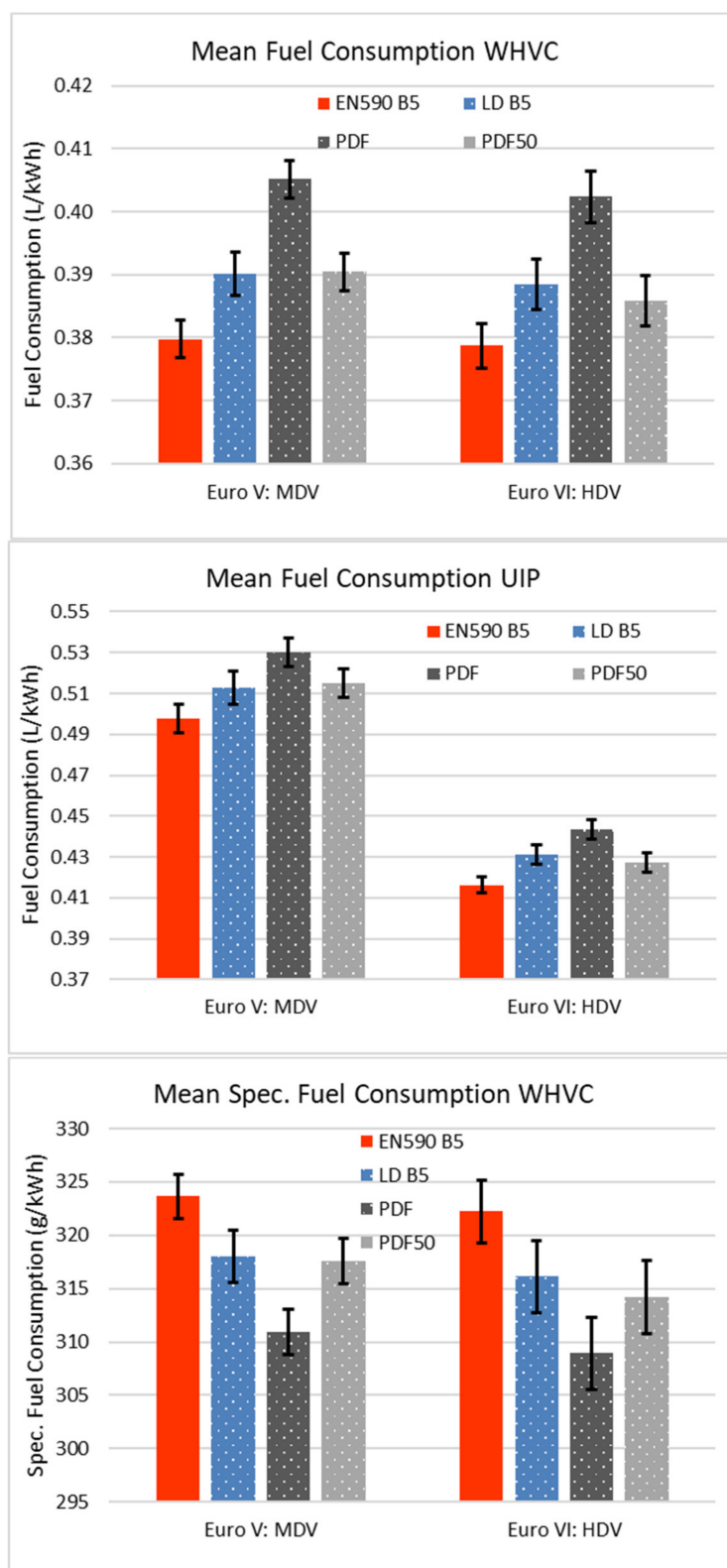
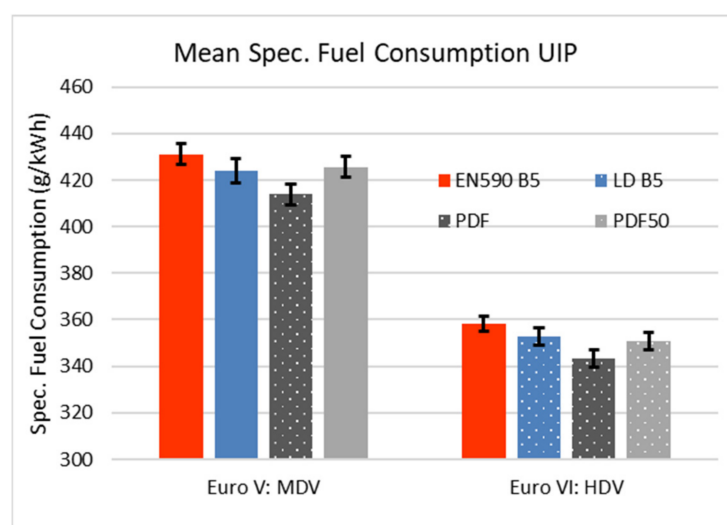


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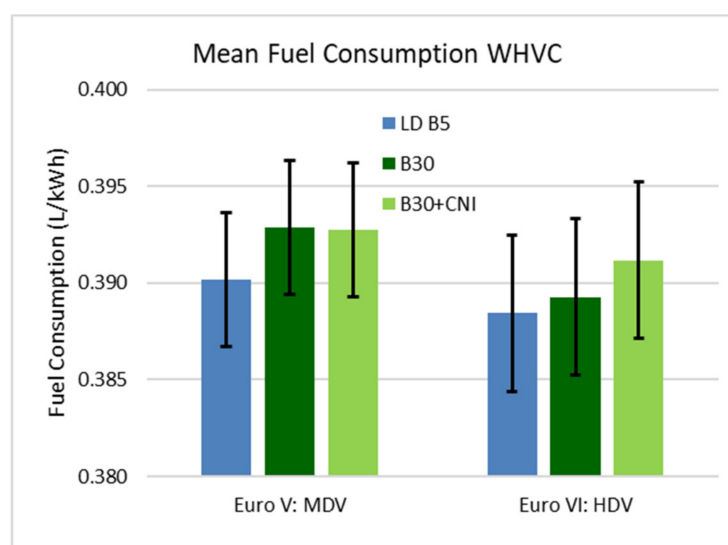
**Figure 4.** Volumetric (**upper**) and mass (**lower**) specific fuel consumptions from the EN590 B5, low-density B5, paraffinic diesel fuel and EN590 B5/PDF 50:50 blend: WHVC and TfL UIP.

Volumetric fuel consumption for the B30 (+CNI) fuels was not significantly different from the LD B5 fuel in either of the vehicles or test cycles, although it was directionally higher in some cases; see Figure 5, upper two graphs. The results are different regarding the specific mass fuel consumption, for which the B30 (+CNI) has significantly higher consumptions due to its lower energy density by mass, the latter being directly correlated with the presence of oxygenated compounds; see Figure 5, lower two graphs.

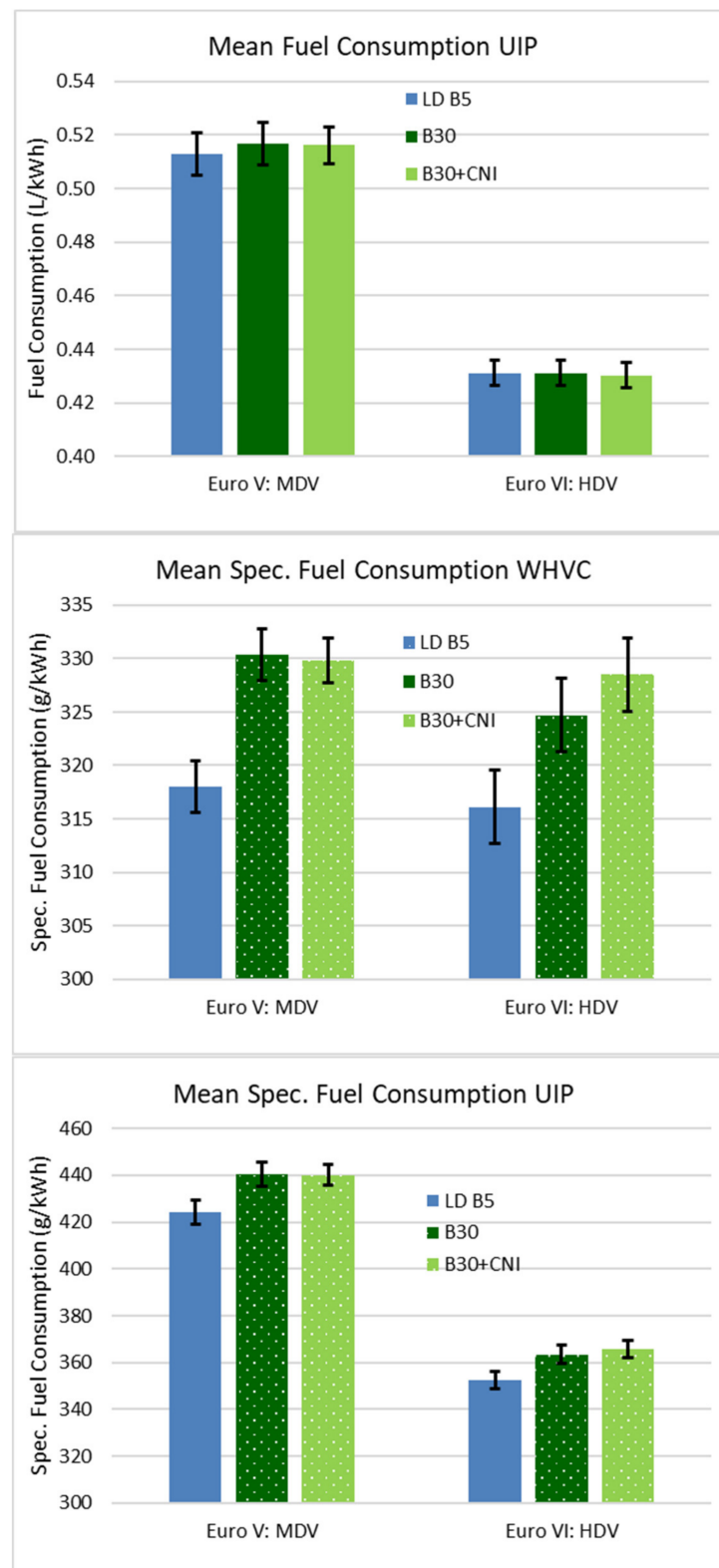
### 3.3. Energy Consumption

Energy consumption (MJ/kWh) was calculated by multiplying the fuel net heating value (MJ/kg) by the volumetric fuel consumption (L/kWh) and the fuel density (kg/L). It is equivalent to the inverse of an overall tank-to-wheel efficiency (powertrain and driveline efficiency).

There were no significant fuel effects on energy consumption for the low-density fuels compared to the EN590 B5, and at least no detrimental effects, Figure 6.

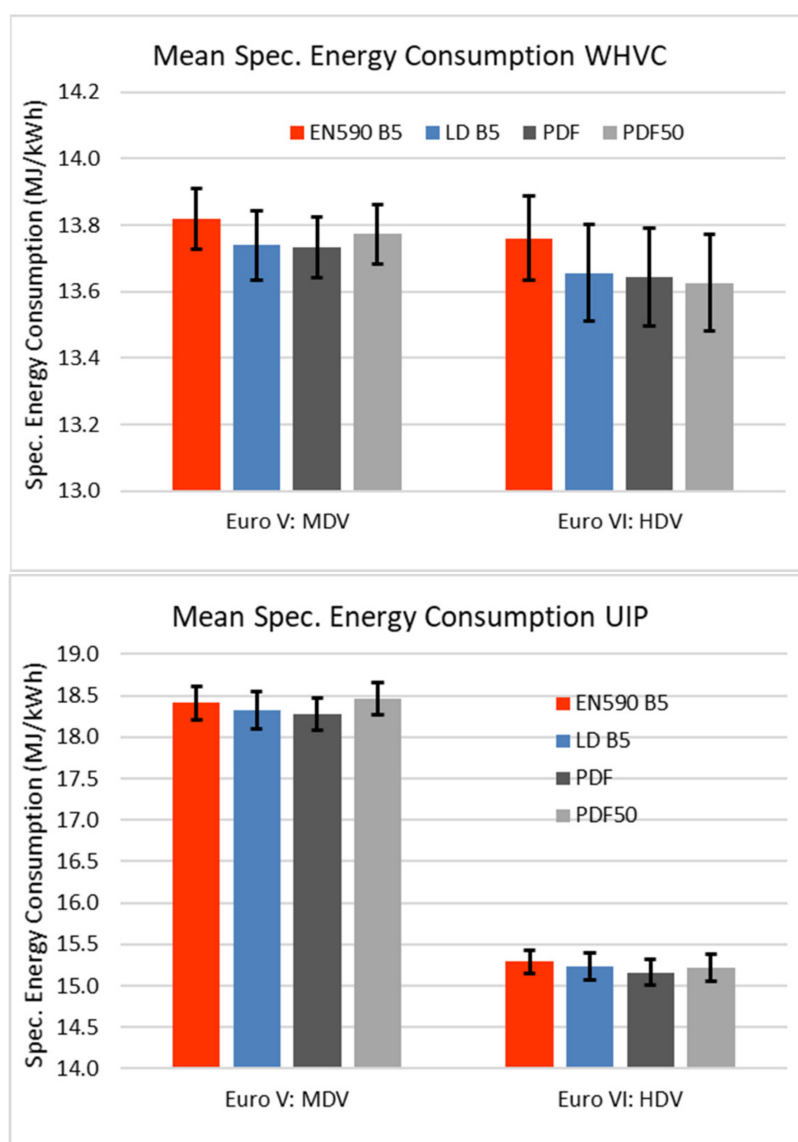


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**Figure 5.** Volumetric (**upper**) and mass (**lower**) specific fuel consumptions from the low-density B5, B30 and B30 with CNi.





**Figure 6.** Energy consumption from the EN590 B5, low-density B5, paraffinic diesel fuel and EN590 B5/PDF 50:50 blend.

The same conclusion is drawn from the comparison between LD B5 and B30 fuels: there are no observable fuel effects on energy consumption; see Figure 7.

### 3.4. Oxides of Nitrogen ( $\text{NO}_x$ ) and “AdBlue” Consumption

Tailpipe  $\text{NO}_x$  was substantially lower from the Euro VI HDV than the Euro V MDV, illustrating the good efficiency of modern  $\text{NO}_x$  aftertreatment systems. No significant fuel effects were observed in either vehicle or test cycle, except for PDF being significantly lower than EN590 B5 in the Euro V TfL UIP tests (Figures 8 and 9). No significant fuel effects on EGR valve position were observed. Engine-out  $\text{NO}_x$  was significantly lower with PDF than EN590 B5 in the Euro VI in both test cycles (Figure 10), leading to lower “AdBlue” urea-based  $\text{NO}_x$  reductant consumption in these cases, as well as a general correlation between engine-out  $\text{NO}_x$  and AdBlue consumption indicating closed-loop control of tailpipe  $\text{NO}_x$  (Figure 11). There were no other significant differences in engine-out  $\text{NO}_x$  in the Euro VI.

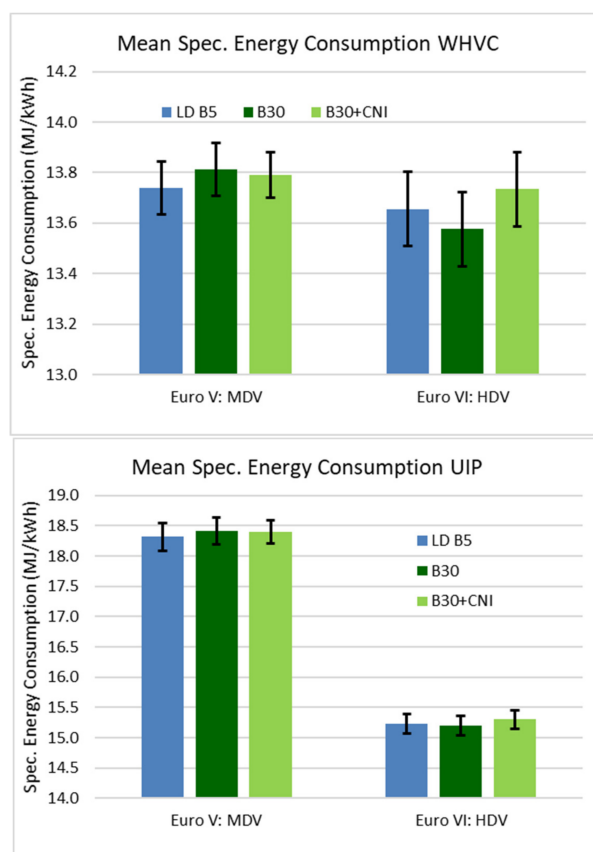


Figure 7. Energy consumption from the low-density B5, B30 and B30 with CNI.

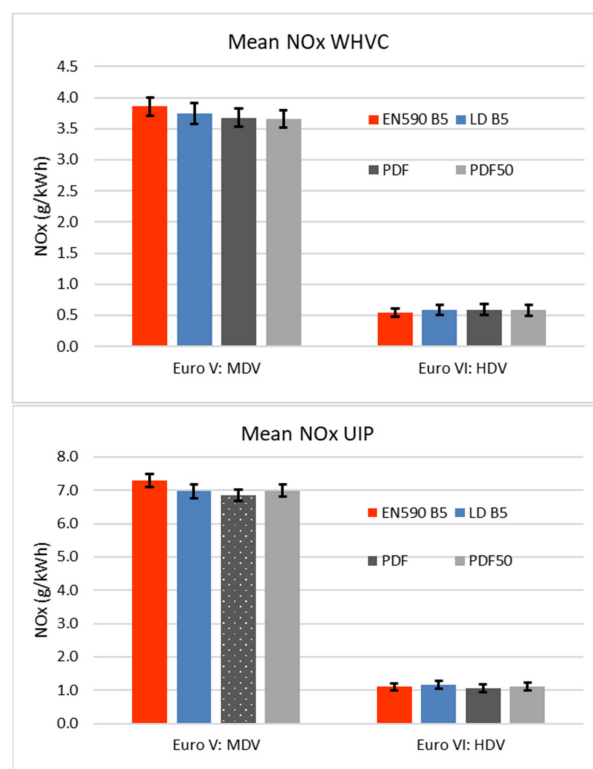
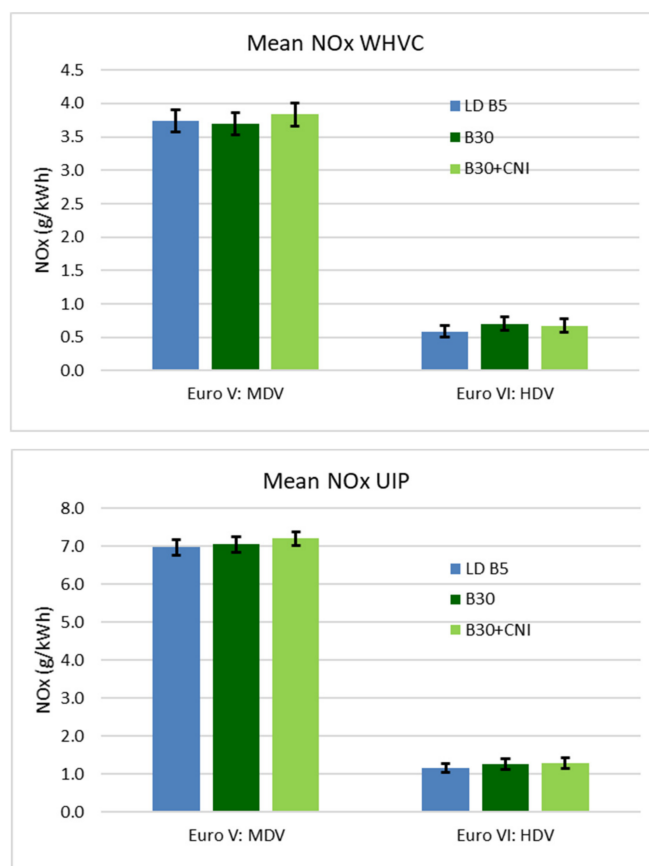
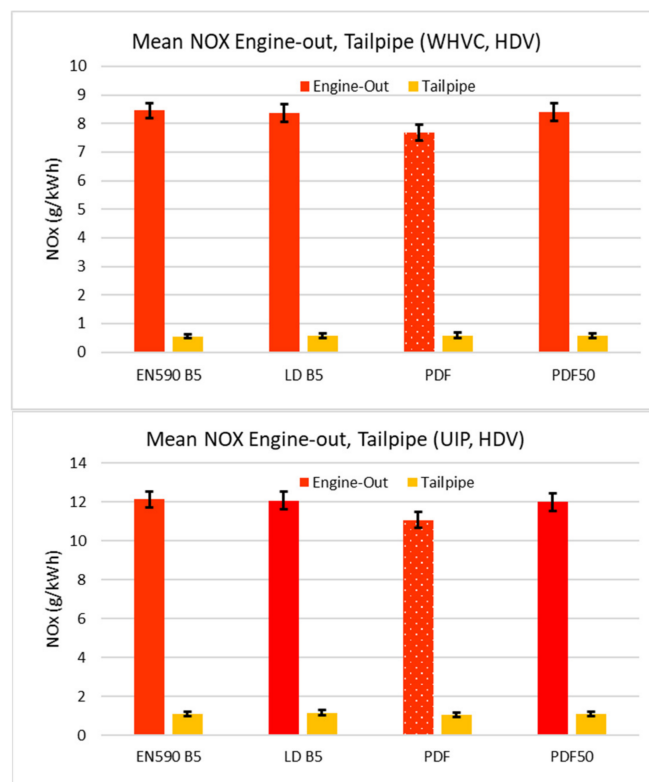


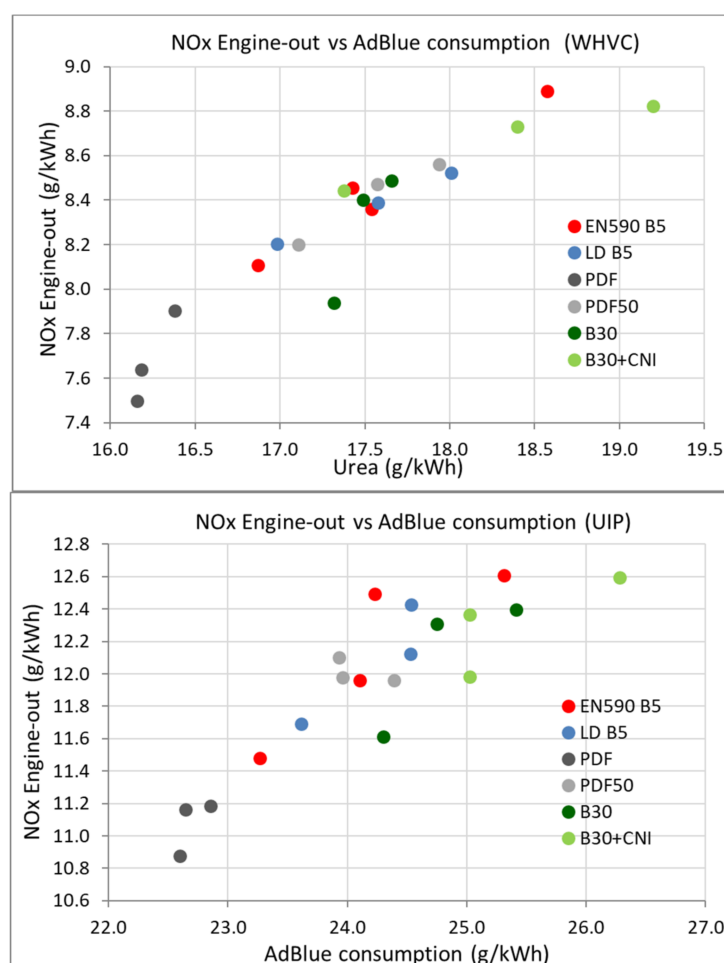
Figure 8. Tailpipe NO<sub>x</sub> from the EN590 B5, low-density B5, paraffinic diesel fuel and EN590 B5/PDF 50:50 blend.



**Figure 9.** Tailpipe NO<sub>x</sub> from the low-density B5, B30 and B30 with CNI.



**Figure 10.** Engine-out and tailpipe NO<sub>x</sub> from the Euro VI HDV with EN590 B5, low-density B5, paraffinic diesel fuel and EN590 B5/PDF 50:50 blend showing lower engine-out NO<sub>x</sub> with the PDF.

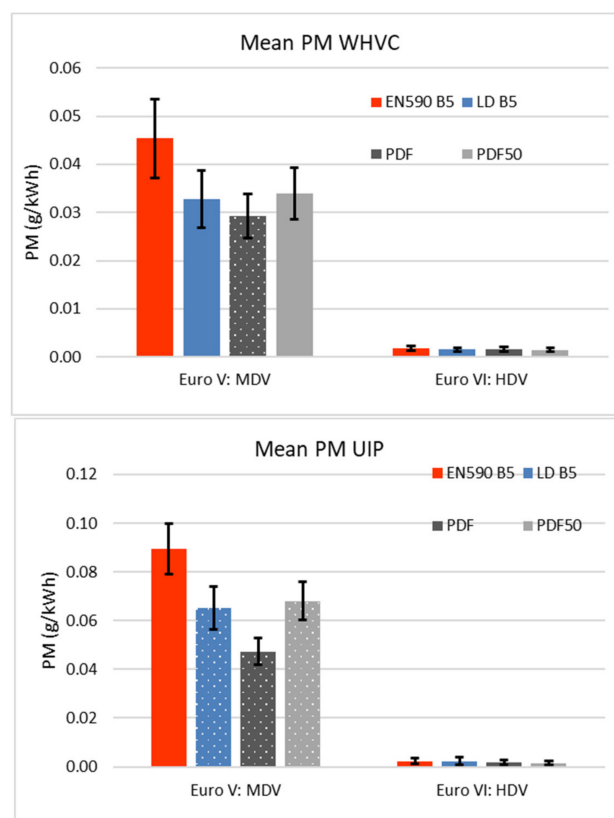


**Figure 11.** Engine-out NO<sub>x</sub> versus AdBlue consumption from the Euro VI HDV with all tests showing lower engine-out NO<sub>x</sub> with the PDF and a general correlation between the quantities.

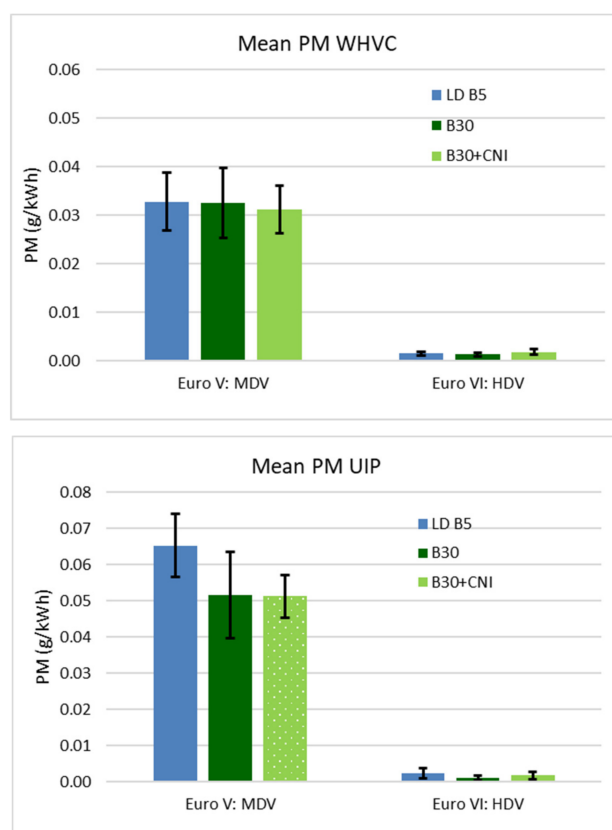
There were no significant fuel effects on absolute levels of NO<sub>2</sub>. The fraction of NO<sub>2</sub> in the NO<sub>x</sub> emissions (fNO<sub>2</sub>) is less than 5% of total NO<sub>x</sub> in all Euro V tests for all fuel mean values. In the Euro V, fNO<sub>2</sub> was significantly higher for PDF than EN590 B5 in the WHVC test and higher for the LD B5 and PDF50 in the UIP cycle. In the Euro VI vehicle, fNO<sub>2</sub> was between 9 and 20% and was lower for LD B5, PDF and PDF50 than EN590 B5 in the UIP test. fNO<sub>2</sub> for B30 and B30+CNI was lower than for LD B5 in the Euro VI vehicle UIP tests. See Appendix B for detailed results.

### 3.5. Particulates Mass

PM was an order of magnitude lower for Euro VI thanks to the presence of a diesel particulate filter, and there was little chance of measuring fuel effects at the low levels (~2 mg/kWh) in this vehicle (Figure 12). Some fuel effects were observed in the Euro V vehicle: PM was significantly lower with PDF than with EN590 in both cycles. LD B5 and PDF50 gave significantly lower PM than EN590 B5 in urban duty UIP cycle and B30+CNI was significantly lower than LD B5 in UIP (Figure 13). The latter observation can possibly be explained by the presence of oxygenated compounds helping to oxidize soot in the diffusion flame.



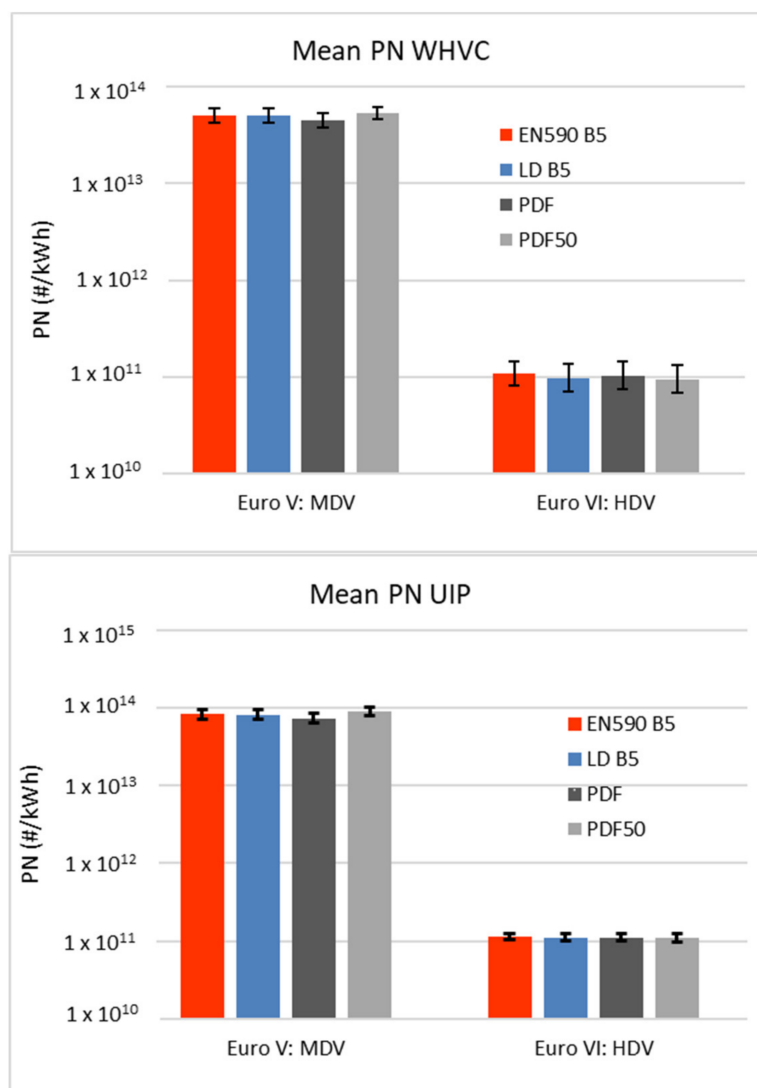
**Figure 12.** PM from the EN590 B5, low-density B5, paraffinic diesel fuel and EN590 B5/PDF 50:50 blend.



**Figure 13.** PM from the low-density B5, B30 and B30 with CNl.

### 3.6. Particles Number

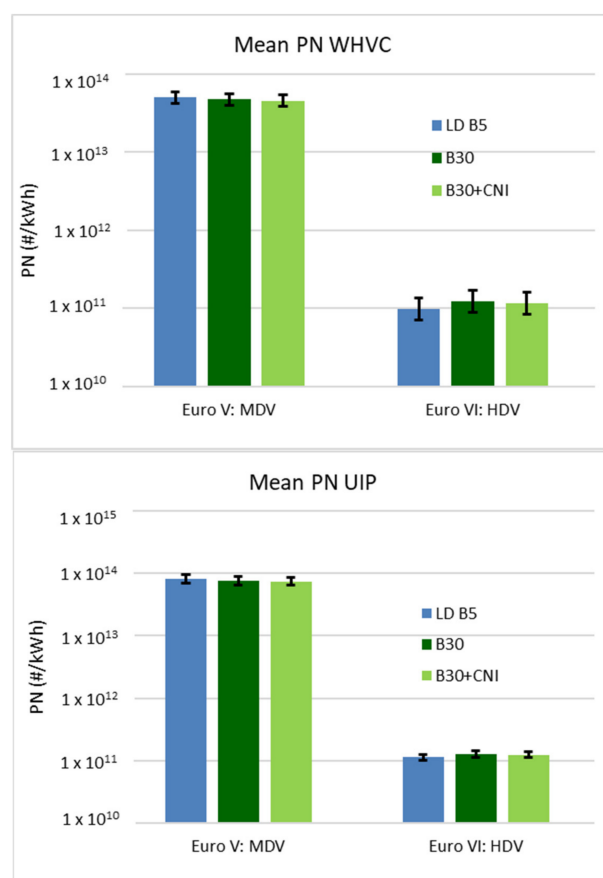
Tailpipe PN emissions measured in the >23 nm size range were more than 2 orders of magnitude lower for the Euro VI than the Euro V due to the DPF fitted to the former. No statistically significant fuel effects were observed (Figures 14 and 15). In particular, as observed by other groups, if it is clear that PDF offers benefits for engine-out PM, it is not necessarily the case for PN.



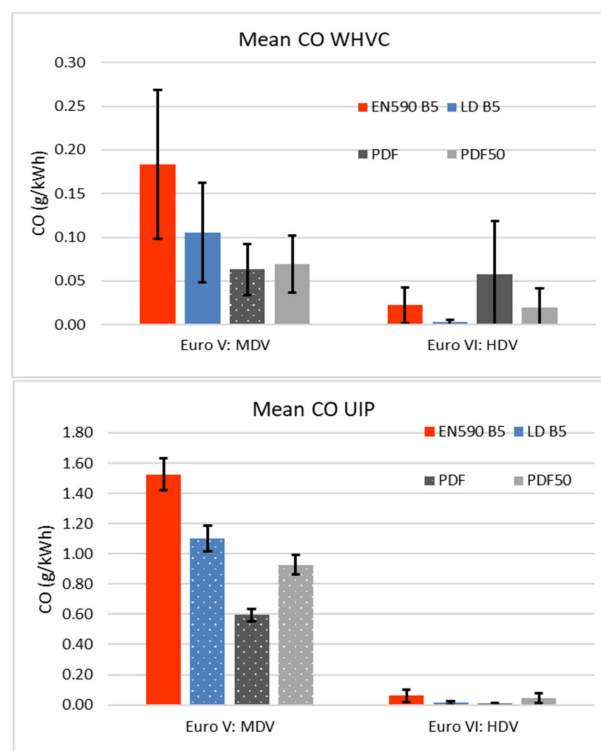
**Figure 14.** Particles number in the >23 nm range from the EN590 B5, low-density B5, paraffinic diesel fuel and EN590 B5/PDF 50:50 blend fuels.

### 3.7. Carbon Monoxide

CO emissions were very low in the Euro VI vehicle and no statistically significant fuel effects were observed in either test cycle. In the Euro V, PDF gave significantly lower CO than EN590 B5 in both cycles, as did LD B5 and PDF50 in the urban TfL UIP cycle (Figure 16). CO emissions were significantly lower from B30 and B30+CNI in the Euro V TfL UIP test cycle (Figure 17). The latter observation can be explained by the presence of oxygenated compounds, facilitating oxidation of CO into CO<sub>2</sub>.

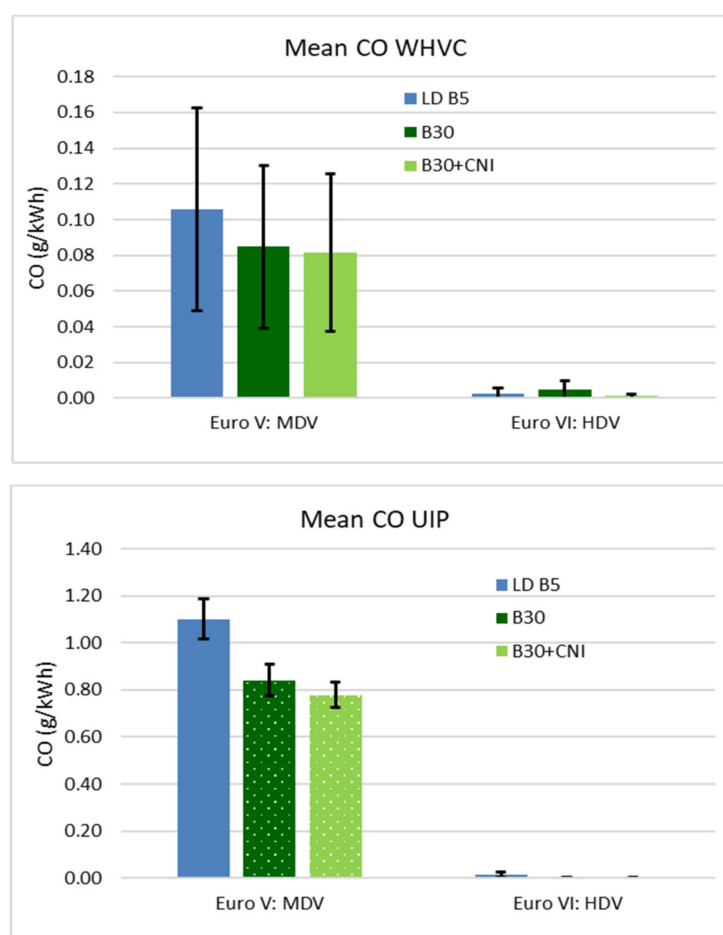


**Figure 15.** Particles number in the >23 nm range from the LD B5, B30 and B30+CNI.



**Figure 16.** CO from the EN590 B5, low-density B5, paraffinic diesel fuel and EN590 B5/PDF 50:50 blend.





**Figure 17.** CO from the low-density B5, B30 and B30+CNI.

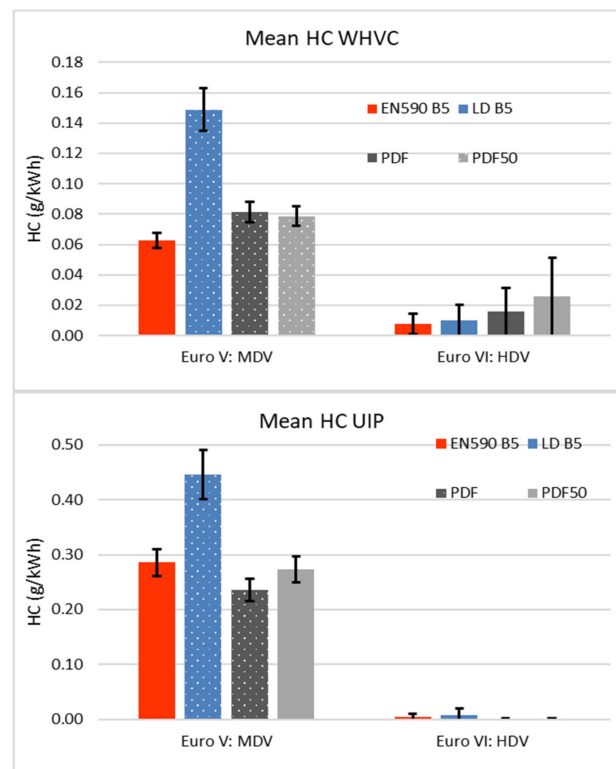
### 3.8. Hydrocarbons

HC emissions were very low, sometimes below the limit of detection from the Euro VI HDV and there were no detectable fuel effects. Surprisingly, HC was significantly higher for the LD B5 than EN590 B5 in the Euro V in both WHVC and TfL UIP cycles. HC for PDF was significantly higher than EN590 B5 in the WHVC but significantly lower in the UIP. PDF50 was also significantly higher than EN590 B5 in the WHVC but not significantly different from EN590 B5 in the UIP (Figure 18).

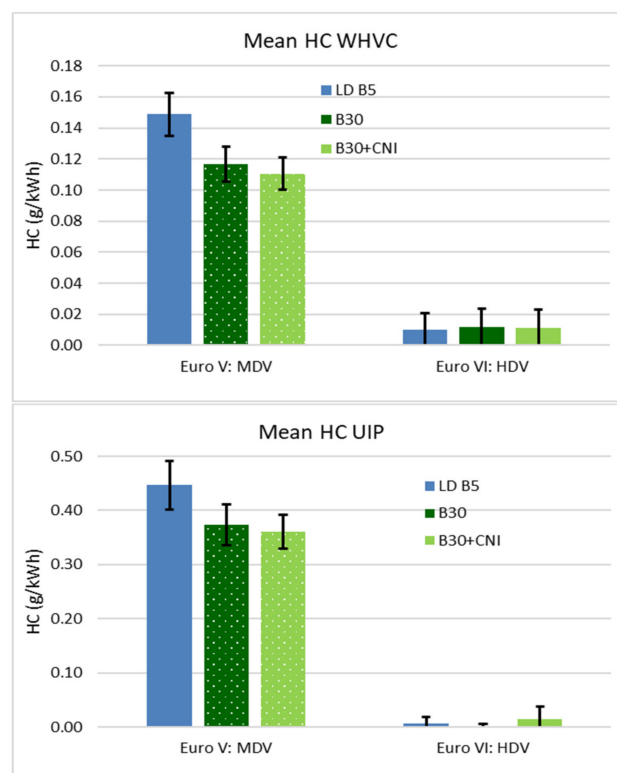
B30 and B30+CNI were both significantly lower than LD B5 in the Euro V in both the WHVC and TfL UIP cycles (Figure 19). The latter can be explained by the presence of oxygenated compounds, which facilitates the oxidation of hydrocarbons.

### 3.9. Greenhouse Gases

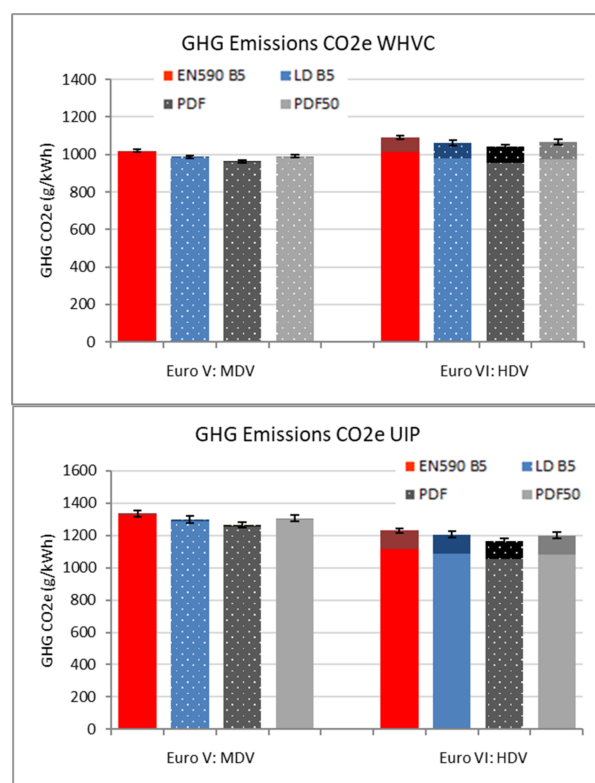
Greenhouse gas CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent (GHG CO<sub>2</sub>e) was based on the CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O data because CH<sub>4</sub> was immeasurably low in nearly all tests. The global warming potential (GWP) 100-year figures for CO<sub>2</sub>e from the Greenhouse gases, Regulated Emissions and Energy use in Transport (GREET) model were used to estimate the N<sub>2</sub>O contribution [23]. GHG CO<sub>2</sub>e was significantly lower for LD B5, PDF and PDF50 than for EN590 B5 in the WHVC for both vehicles. Whereas in the UIP tests, PDF was significantly lower than EN590 B5, again in both vehicles, and LD B5 was significantly lower only in the Euro V vehicle (Figure 20). In the B30 fuel set there was only one significant fuel effect, which was B30+CNI being significantly higher than LD B5 in the Euro VI WHVC test (Figure 21).



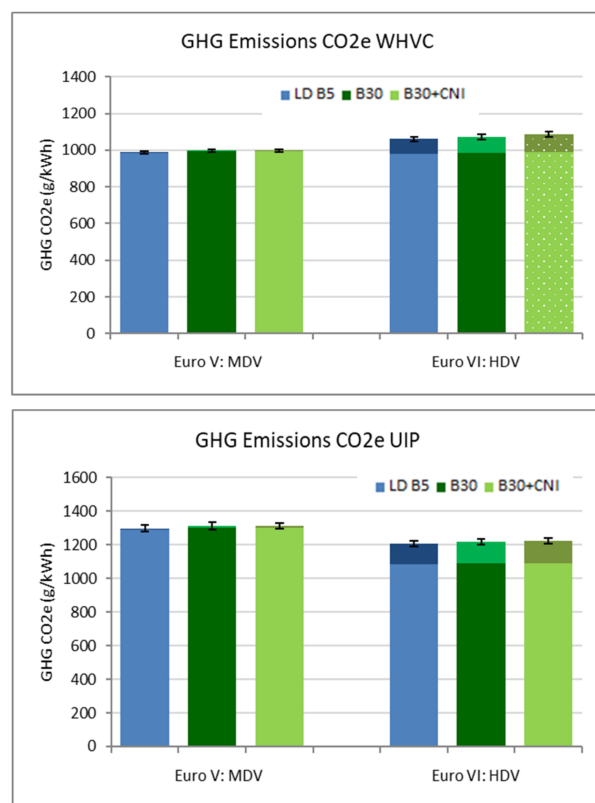
**Figure 18.** HC from the EN590 B5, low-density B5, paraffinic diesel fuel and EN590 B5/PDF 50:50 blend.



**Figure 19.** HC from the low-density B5, B30 and B30+CNl.



**Figure 20.** Total GHG emissions (CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O) from the EN590 B5, low-density B5, paraffinic diesel fuel and EN590 B5/PDF 50:50 blend. The top section of the bars denotes the N<sub>2</sub>O contribution.

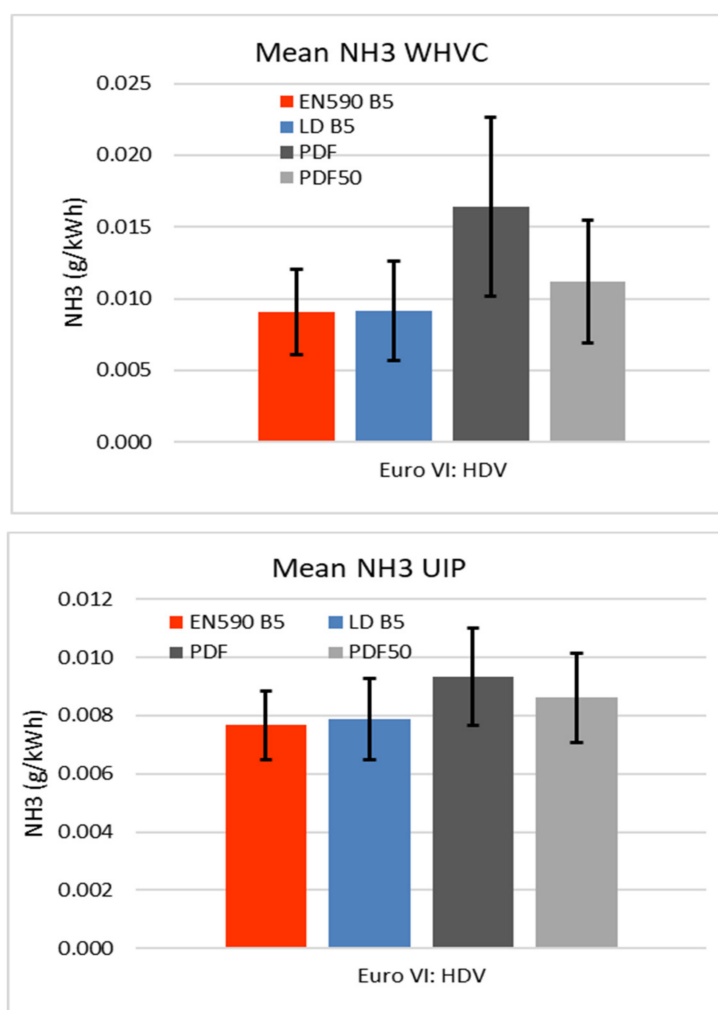


**Figure 21.** Total GHG emissions (CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O) from the low-density B5, B30 and B30+CNl. The top section of the bars denotes the N<sub>2</sub>O contribution.

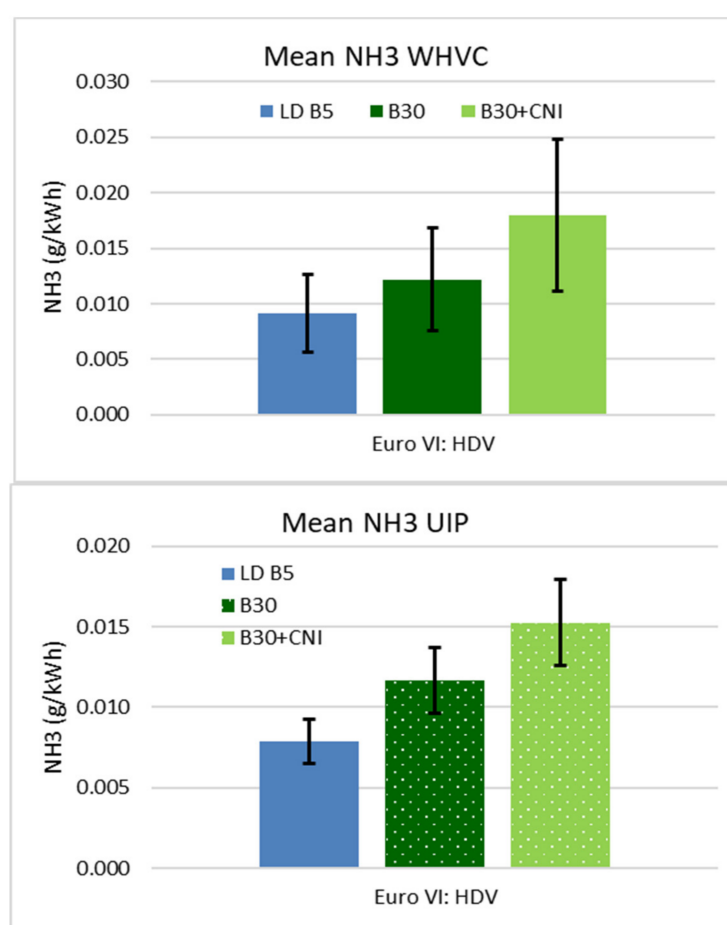
Overall for the Euro VI vehicle,  $N_2O$  contributed to approximately 10% of the GHG emissions, possibly showing a weakness in the current  $CO_2$  regulation as these are not taken into account in the vehicles'  $CO_2$  score.

### 3.10. Ammonia

Ammonia ( $NH_3$ ) tailpipe emissions were scrutinized from the Euro VI vehicle only, due to the use of an SCR system with urea reductant. Ammonia emissions ranged from 7–18 mg/kWh and were lower in the urban TfL UIP cycle than the WHVC cycle (Figure 22). The only significant fuel effects were detected in the TfL UIP cycle where B30 and B30+CNI gave higher emissions than LD B5 (Figure 23). It may be tempting to think that the ammonia slip would increase with increased consumption of urea, but our measurements give no such correlation.



**Figure 22.** Ammonia emissions from the EN590 B5, low-density B5, paraffinic diesel fuel and EN590 B5/PDF 50:50 blend.



**Figure 23.** Ammonia emissions from the low-density B5, B30 and B30+CNI.

#### 4. Discussion

The emissions and fuel consumption performance of six diesel fuels have been tested over hot-start WHVC and TfL UIP test cycles in two European commercial vehicles—one HD Euro VI bus and one MD Euro V truck—to determine their potential benefits. Most of the fuels tested have potential to be renewable, with WTT benefits as well as the TTW effects studied, but in many cases additional OEM certification would be required to deploy such fuels for general use in the European market.

Results showed that low-density hydrocarbon fuels can offer TTW CO<sub>2</sub> benefits in the range of 2 to 6%, but with an accompanying increase in volumetric fuel consumption and no difference in energy consumption, meaning that the fuels did not affect engine efficiency. The differences in volumetric fuel consumption were consistent with expectations based on the fuels' lower heating value and density; so were the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions consistent with the fuels' carbon intensities. When combining CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions, these fuels also offer total TTW GHG benefits (with methane emissions being immeasurably low in this experiment).

In terms of emissions that could affect local air quality, significant fuel effects on tailpipe emissions from the low-density hydrocarbon fuels were only observed in the Euro V vehicle. The impact of modern exhaust aftertreatment is illustrated in this respect, given that beneficial fuel effects on NO<sub>x</sub> were observed in engine-out emissions from the Euro VI vehicle (with paraffinic diesel fuel) but were absent in the tailpipe emissions and lower engine-out NO<sub>x</sub> was instead translated into lower consumption of AdBlue SCR reductant due to closed-loop control of tailpipe NO<sub>x</sub>. Tailpipe levels of PM, PN, NO<sub>x</sub>, CO and HC were all substantially lower for the Euro VI vehicle than for the Euro V vehicle; however, due to the application of urea-SCR, measurable ammonia emissions were observed from

the Euro VI vehicle.  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  and the fraction of  $\text{NO}_2$  in the total  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions were higher although absolute levels of  $\text{NO}_2$  were similar in both vehicles. For the Euro VI vehicle,  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  contributed to approximately 10% of the GHG emissions, showing a possible weakness in the current  $\text{CO}_2$  regulation which is aimed at GHG emissions reduction.

In the Euro V vehicle, low-density hydrocarbon fuels gave some benefits in PM and CO, especially in the TfL UIP urban cycle, whereas, surprisingly, HC emissions were higher for these fuels in some cases and lower in one case. The surprising increases in HC oppose trends observed in other studies [11,18,24–26] and could be an artefact of the calibration of the specific vehicle used. It is postulated that low-density fuels led to longer injection durations being applied to deliver the required fuel mass to meet torque demands. This in turn could have been interpreted by the vehicle EMS as different load points leading to a different point on the engine operating map being adopted, which affected engine-out emissions. There were no significant fuel effects on tailpipe  $\text{NO}_x$  or PN except in one case in the TfL UIP test where the PDF reduced  $\text{NO}_x$  in the Euro V vehicle.

The B30+CNI fuel was included primarily to determine if the addition of CNI could mitigate any  $\text{NO}_x$  penalties arising from the high FAME level in B30 (as practiced historically for HD vehicles in California [11]). In the current study, there were no significant effects of B30 and B30+CNI on  $\text{NO}_x$  (engine or tailpipe) or indeed any significant differences in  $\text{CO}_2$ , volumetric fuel consumption or energy consumption compared to LD B5. This difference between the former Californian study and the outcomes of the current study possibly results from advances in fuel injection equipment capable of delivering improved fuel-air mixing and multiple injection strategies. Older engines using fewer fuel injection events per engine cycle created long auto-ignition delays, in particular with low CN fuels (which is often the case in the USA), consequently leading to a substantial premixed flame which with rapid heat release and consequent high temperatures is known to be a source of  $\text{NO}_x$ . In this context, increasing the CN by using CNI was likely to reduce the auto-ignition delay, hence the premixed flame, hence the  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions. The modern vehicles in this study would systematically apply multiple injection regimes, primarily to control the auto-ignition delay with pilot injections, and may be less sensitive to CN for the control of the premixed flame, hence less sensitive to CNI for  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions.

The B30 and B30+CNI fuels produced similar results in most cases, only differing in two cases: where B30+CNI increased  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  in the Euro VI WHVC tests compared to LD B5 also leading to an overall higher GHG total emission and where B30+CNI reduced PM in the Euro V TfL UIP tests. Both B30 and B30+CNI reduced CO in the TfL UIP and HC in both cycles in the Euro V vehicle relative to LD B5. As was the case for the low-density hydrocarbon fuels, more fuel effects were observed in emissions relevant to local air quality in the Euro V vehicle.

Overall, it appeared that test cycle influenced the detection of fuel effects in some cases, with effects on PM and CO being more readily detected in the TfL UIP cycle than in the WHVC cycle despite similar directional trends, with improved repeatability in the UIP test along with higher absolute emission values. The TfL UIP cycle represents congested urban driving, where pollutant emissions are most relevant and so it is fitting to appraise fuel effects using this cycle. It was also apparent that vehicle technology impacted the detection of fuel effects, for example, in the cases of PM, CO and HC where the low absolute tailpipe levels from the Euro VI vehicle would make detecting fuel differences unfeasible and in the case of  $\text{NO}_x$  where closed loop control of tailpipe emissions compensated for fuel effects on engine-out emissions.

## 5. Conclusions

From testing the emissions and fuel consumption performance of six diesel fuels in two European commercial vehicles—one HD Euro VI bus and one MD Euro V truck, it can be concluded that:

- Low-density hydrocarbon fuels can offer TTW  $\text{CO}_2$  benefits, but with an accompanying increase in volumetric fuel consumption and no difference in overall energy

efficiency. When combining CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions, these fuels also offer total TTW GHG benefits, which bodes well for the future when renewable paraffinic fuels become more widely available.

- Modern exhaust aftertreatment suppresses traditional beneficial effects on local emissions from low-density hydrocarbon fuels due to very low emission levels and in this case translated engine-out NO<sub>x</sub> benefits into AdBlue savings. This can be accompanied by measurable ammonia emissions and increases in fNO<sub>2</sub>. On older vehicles with less sophisticated emissions aftertreatment and having higher emissions levels, low-density hydrocarbon fuels mostly have beneficial effects.
- Modern aftertreatment systems can significantly increase N<sub>2</sub>O emissions at the tailpipe through chemical reactions in the catalyst. This can translate into about 10% contribution of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions to the overall GHG emissions of the vehicle.
- In this experiment, B30 did not increase NO<sub>x</sub> (versus a B5 comparator) in either tailpipe or engine-out measurements as has been observed in some previous studies; furthermore, the addition of CNI to B30 did not reduce NO<sub>x</sub>. Some benefits in local emissions (PM, CO and HC) are measurable in vehicles without the latest emissions control technology with B30 whereas statistically significant effects on CO<sub>2</sub>, volumetric fuel consumption and energy consumption are absent. These results indicate that increased use of such renewables can be made with limited negative impact on TTW emissions and efficiency.
- Most of the fuels tested have potential to be renewable, with WTT benefits as well as the TTW effects studied, but in many cases additional OEM certification would be required to deploy such fuels for general use in the European market.

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## Abbreviations

ANOVA	Analysis of Variance
ASCB	Ammonia Slip Catalyst
B5, B30	Diesel containing 5% or 30% Biodiesel by volume
BTL	Biomass-To-Liquid
CAN	Controller Area Network
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CD	Chassis Dynamometer
CH <sub>4</sub>	Methane
CLD	Chemi-Luminescence Detector
CN(I)	Cetane Number (Improver)
CO	Carbon monoxide
CO <sub>2</sub> (e)	Carbon dioxide (equivalent)
CPC	Condensation Particle Counter
CVS	Constant Volume Sampling



d50	Median Particle Diameter
DOC	Diesel Oxidation Catalyst
DPF	Diesel Particulate Filter
EAT	Exhaust Aftertreatment
2-EHN	2-Ethylhexyl Nitrate
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency (US)
FAME	Fatty Acid Methyl Ester
FBP	Final Boiling Point
FC	Fuel Consumption
FID	Flame Ionization Detector
fNO <sub>2</sub>	Fraction of NO <sub>2</sub> in NO <sub>x</sub> emissions
FTIR	Fourier Transform Infra-Red
GREET	Greenhouse gases, Regulated Emissions and Energy Use in Transport model
GHG	Greenhouse Gas(es)
GTL	Gas-To-Liquids
GWP	Global Warming Potential
HC	Hydrocarbons
H/C ratio	Hydrogen to Carbon ratio
HD(V)	Heavy-Duty (Vehicle)
(HP) EGR	(High Pressure) Exhaust Gas Recirculation
HVO	Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil
IBP	Initial Boiling Point
LD	Light Duty
LD B5	Low-Density B5
LNT	Lean NO <sub>x</sub> Trap
MD(V)	Medium-Duty (Vehicle)
NDIR	Non-Destructive Infra-Red
NEDC	New European Drive Cycle
NH <sub>3</sub>	Ammonia
NO <sub>2</sub>	Nitrogen dioxide
N <sub>2</sub> O	Nitrous Oxide
NO <sub>x</sub>	Oxides of Nitrogen
OBD	On-board Diagnostics
O/C	Oxygen to Carbon ratio
OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer
PAH	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons
PDF(50)	Paraffinic Diesel Fuel (50% by volume)
PM	Particulate Matter/Mass
PN	Particle Number
PTL	Power-To-Liquids
RED(2)	Renewable Energy Directive (2)
RDE	Real Driving Emissions
SCR	Selective Catalytic Reduction
SOT	Start of Test
T50/95	Temperature for 50/95% evaporation
TfL UIP	Transport for London Urban Interpeak cycle
T50	Temperature for 50%v evaporations
TTW	Tank To Wheels
UCOME	Used Cooking Oil Methyl Ester
WLT	Worldwide harmonized Light-duty Test Cycle
WHTC	World Harmonized Transient Cycle
WHVC	Worldwide Harmonized Transient Vehicle Cycle

## Appendix A

Table A1. Fuel properties.

Property	Units	Method	EN590 min	EN590 max.	F1-EN590 B5	F2-LD B5	F3-PDF	F4-PDF50	F5-B30	F6-B30+CNI
Appearance		visual			C&B	C&B	C&B	C&B	C&B	C&B
Density at 15 °C	kg/l	EN ISO 12185	820	845	0.845	0.805	0.764	0.805	0.825	0.826
Cetane number	-	EN ISO 5165	51		52.0	51.4	79.6	67.0	52.4	65.8
Carbon residue	%m/m	EN ISO 10370		0.3	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Flashpoint	°C	EN ISO 2719	55		58.5	56.5	73.0	65.5	62.0	
Lubricity, WSD at 60 °C	um	EN ISO 12156-1		460	n/a	194	400	247	n/a	
Sulfur	mg/kg	ASTM D5453		10	10	1.5	1.0	5.9	1.8	
Viscosity at 40 °C	mm <sup>2</sup> /s	EN ISO 3104			2.57	1.66	1.95	2.18	2.09	2.10
Water content	Mg/kg	EN ISO 12937		200	50		30	40	120	
FAME content	%v/v	EN 14078		7	4.6	5.1	<0.1	2.4	30.5	30.3
Mono-aromatics	%m/m	IP 391 mod			30.4	6.2	0.1	16.0	4.4	
Di-aromatics	%m/m	IP 391 mod			3.6	0.8	<0.1	1.9	0.7	
Tri+aromatics	%m/m	IP 391 mod			0.0	0.0	<0.1	0.0	0.0	
PAH content	%m/m	IP 391 mod		8.0	3.6	0.8	<0.1	1.9	0.7	0.4
Total aromatics	%m/m	IP 391 mod			34.0	7.0	0.1	17.9	5.1	4.5
Carbon content	%m/m	ASTM D3343 mod			86.45	85.33	84.62	85.66	83.59	83.60
Hydrogen content	%m/m	ASTM D3343 mod			13.05	14.12	15.38	14.08	13.12	13.12
Oxygen content	%m/m	EN 14078			0.50	0.55	0.00	0.26	3.29	3.27
Net heating value	MJ/kg	ASTM D3338			42.69	43.23	44.17	43.38	41.69	41.69
E250	%v/v	EN ISO 3405		65	36.7	n/a	62.1	48.8	57.5	
E350	%v/v	EN ISO 3405	85		93.4	n/a	98.7	97.0	95.7	
IBP	°C	EN ISO 3405			162.1	171.2	192.5	176.8	173.7	169.3
T50	°C	EN ISO 3405			277.4	209.4	238.3	251.9	230.7	233.4
T95	°C	EN ISO 3405			355.8	351.4	288.8	338.1	347.8	350.3
FBP	°C	EN ISO 3405			366.7	362.7	301.5	354.1	354.5	354.9

## Appendix B

Table A2. Result Means and Confidence Intervals.

WHVC	Euro V: MDV		Euro VI: HDV		UIP	Euro V: MDV		Euro VI: HDV	
	Mean	±95% Conf	Mean	±95% Conf		Mean	±95% Conf	Mean	±95% Conf
PM	(g/kWh)		(g/kWh)			(g/kWh)		(g/kWh)	
EN590 B5	0.045	0.0082	0.0018	0.00042		0.089	0.0103	0.0022	0.0011
LD B5	0.033	0.0059	0.0015	0.00042		0.065	0.0087	0.0024	0.0014
PDF	0.029	0.0046	0.0016	0.00044		0.047	0.0055	0.0018	0.0011
PDF50	0.034	0.0053	0.0014	0.00039		0.068	0.0079	0.0015	0.0009
B30	0.033	0.0072	0.0014	0.00039		0.052	0.0119	0.0011	0.0007
B30+CNI	0.031	0.0049	0.0019	0.00052		0.051	0.0059	0.0017	0.0010
CO									
EN590 B5	0.18	0.085	0.022	0.020		1.53	0.10	0.060	0.041
LD B5	0.11	0.057	0.003	0.003		1.10	0.09	0.014	0.011
PDF	0.06	0.029	0.058	0.061		0.60	0.04	0.007	0.005
PDF50	0.07	0.032	0.020	0.021		0.93	0.06	0.043	0.033
B30	0.08	0.046	0.005	0.005		0.84	0.07	0.001	0.001
B30+CNI	0.08	0.044	0.001	0.001		0.78	0.05	0.001	0.001
HC									
EN590 B5	0.06	0.005	0.008	0.0068		0.29	0.025	0.004	0.0059
LD B5	0.15	0.014	0.010	0.0103		0.45	0.045	0.008	0.0115
PDF	0.08	0.007	0.016	0.0158		0.24	0.020	0.001	0.0011
PDF50	0.08	0.006	0.026	0.0257		0.27	0.024	0.001	0.0011
B30	0.12	0.011	0.012	0.0119		0.37	0.037	0.002	0.0032
B30+CNI	0.11	0.010	0.011	0.0114		0.36	0.031	0.015	0.0232
NOx									
EN590 B5	3.86	0.15	0.54	0.068		7.29	0.19	1.11	0.102
LD B5	3.74	0.17	0.58	0.085		6.97	0.20	1.16	0.124
PDF	3.68	0.14	0.59	0.086		6.85	0.17	1.06	0.113
PDF50	3.65	0.14	0.58	0.085		6.99	0.18	1.10	0.117
B30	3.69	0.16	0.70	0.102		7.04	0.21	1.26	0.134
B30+CNI	3.83	0.17	0.67	0.098		7.19	0.18	1.29	0.138
NO2									
EN590 B5	0.16	0.010	0.084	0.021		0.23	0.013	0.22	0.032
LD B5	0.16	0.012	0.071	0.021		0.25	0.016	0.17	0.030
PDF	0.18	0.012	0.095	0.028		0.21	0.012	0.18	0.031
PDF50	0.16	0.010	0.072	0.021		0.24	0.014	0.17	0.029
B30	0.16	0.012	0.076	0.023		0.23	0.015	0.15	0.026
B30+CNI	0.18	0.013	0.063	0.019		0.24	0.014	0.15	0.026

Table A2. Cont.

Euro V: MDV			Euro VI: HDV			Euro V: MDV		Euro VI: HDV	
WHVC	Mean	±95% Conf	Mean	±95% Conf	UIP	Mean	±95% Conf	Mean	±95% Conf
CO2									
EN590 B5	1014	7.27	1012	8.9		1326	17.2	1112	10.3
LD B5	982	8.39	979	10.3		1289	19.8	1086	11.9
PDF	960	7.27	953	10.3		1254	17.2	1051	11.9
PDF50	985	7.27	974	10.3		1298	17.2	1079	11.9
B30	993	8.39	984	10.3		1304	19.8	1090	11.9
B30+CNI	993	8.39	990	10.3		1304	17.2	1089	11.9
N2O									
EN590 B5	0.0176	0.00066	0.299	0.022		0.032	0.0017	0.44	0.025
LD B5	0.0173	0.00075	0.311	0.026		0.034	0.0021	0.45	0.029
PDF	0.0166	0.00062	0.330	0.028		0.034	0.0018	0.42	0.027
PDF50	0.0174	0.00065	0.346	0.029		0.033	0.0017	0.46	0.030
B30	0.0169	0.00073	0.331	0.028		0.035	0.0021	0.48	0.031
B30+CNI	0.0173	0.00075	0.368	0.031		0.034	0.0018	0.51	0.033
CO2e									
EN590 B5	1019	7.24	1091	11.3		1335	17.5	1229	15.3
LD B5	987	8.36	1061	13.1		1298	20.2	1206	17.7
PDF	964	7.24	1041	13.1		1263	17.5	1162	17.7
PDF50	990	7.24	1066	13.1		1306	17.5	1201	17.7
B30	997	8.36	1072	13.1		1313	20.2	1218	17.7
B30+CNI	998	8.36	1087	13.1		1313	17.5	1223	17.7

Table A2. Cont.

Euro V: MDV			Euro VI: HDV			Euro V: MDV		Euro VI: HDV	
WHVC	Mean	±95% Conf	Mean	±95% Conf	UIP	Mean	±95% Conf	Mean	±95% Conf
fNO2									
EN590 B5	4.2%	0.25%	15.3%	2.57%		3.1%	0.17%	19.7%	1.5%
LD B5	4.2%	0.28%	12.3%	2.96%		3.5%	0.20%	15.0%	1.8%
PDF	5.0%	0.25%	16.2%	2.96%		3.0%	0.17%	16.9%	1.8%
PDF50	4.5%	0.25%	12.1%	2.96%		3.5%	0.17%	15.6%	1.8%
B30	4.4%	0.28%	10.9%	2.96%		3.3%	0.20%	12.0%	1.8%
B30+CNI	4.6%	0.28%	9.3%	2.96%		3.4%	0.17%	11.6%	1.8%
Vol FC (C-bal)	(L/kWh)		(L/kWh)			(L/kWh)		(L/kWh)	
EN590 B5	0.380	0.0030	0.379	0.0035		0.498	0.0069	0.416	0.0041
LD B5	0.390	0.0035	0.388	0.0041		0.513	0.0079	0.431	0.0047
PDF	0.405	0.0030	0.402	0.0041		0.530	0.0069	0.443	0.0047
PDF50	0.390	0.0030	0.386	0.0041		0.515	0.0069	0.427	0.0047
B30	0.393	0.0035	0.389	0.0041		0.517	0.0079	0.431	0.0047
B30+CNI	0.393	0.0035	0.391	0.0041		0.516	0.0069	0.430	0.0047
Mass FC (C-bal)	(g/kWh)		(g/kWh)			(g/kWh)		(g/kWh)	
EN590 B5	320.6	2.35	319.7	2.86		420.2	5.52	351.5	3.35
LD B5	314.4	2.71	313.0	3.30		413.3	6.38	347.3	3.87
PDF	309.7	2.35	307.5	3.30		405.1	5.52	338.9	3.87
PDF50	314.1	2.35	310.4	3.30		414.2	5.52	343.8	3.87
B30	324.0	2.71	321.0	3.30		426.1	6.38	355.6	3.87
B30+CNI	324.1	2.71	322.8	3.30		426.0	5.52	355.2	3.87
Mass FC (grav)	(g/kWh)		(g/kWh)			(g/kWh)		(g/kWh)	
EN590 B5	323.6	2.11	322.3	2.95		431.2	4.52	358.2	3.24
LD B5	318.0	2.44	316.1	3.40		424.0	5.22	352.6	3.74
PDF	311.0	2.11	308.9	3.40		413.9	4.52	343.3	3.74
PDF50	317.6	2.11	314.2	3.40		425.7	4.52	350.9	3.74
B30	330.4	2.44	324.7	3.40		440.5	5.22	363.5	3.74
B30+CNI	329.8	2.11	328.5	3.40		440.1	4.52	366.0	3.74
Specific energy cons	(MJ/kWh)		(MJ/kWh)			(MJ/kWh)		(MJ/kWh)	
EN590 B5	13.8	0.09	13.8	0.13		18.4	0.20	15.3	0.14
LD B5	13.7	0.10	13.7	0.15		18.3	0.23	15.2	0.16
PDF	13.7	0.09	13.6	0.15		18.3	0.20	15.2	0.16
PDF50	13.8	0.09	13.6	0.15		18.5	0.20	15.2	0.16
B30	13.8	0.10	13.6	0.15		18.4	0.23	15.2	0.16
B30+CNI	13.8	0.09	13.7	0.15		18.4	0.20	15.3	0.16

Table A2. Cont.

PN		Euro V: MDV		Euro VI: HDV		
WHVC	Mean	$\pm 95\%$ Conf		Mean	$\pm 95\%$ Conf	
		(#/kWh)			(#/kWh)	
EN590 B5	$5.07 \times 10^{13}$	$7.90 \times 10^{12}$	$9.36 \times 10^{12}$	$1.09 \times 10^{11}$	$2.69 \times 10^{10}$	$3.58 \times 10^{10}$
LD B5	$5.03 \times 10^{13}$	$7.83 \times 10^{12}$	$9.28 \times 10^{12}$	$9.74 \times 10^{10}$	$2.72 \times 10^{10}$	$3.78 \times 10^{10}$
PDF	$4.44 \times 10^{13}$	$6.92 \times 10^{12}$	$8.20 \times 10^{12}$	$1.03 \times 10^{11}$	$2.88 \times 10^{10}$	$4.00 \times 10^{10}$
PDF50	$5.32 \times 10^{13}$	$7.26 \times 10^{12}$	$8.41 \times 10^{12}$	$9.55 \times 10^{10}$	$2.67 \times 10^{10}$	$3.71 \times 10^{10}$
B30	$4.78 \times 10^{13}$	$7.44 \times 10^{12}$	$8.82 \times 10^{12}$	$1.24 \times 10^{11}$	$3.46 \times 10^{10}$	$4.80 \times 10^{10}$
B30+CNI	$4.55 \times 10^{13}$	$7.10 \times 10^{12}$	$8.41 \times 10^{12}$	$1.17 \times 10^{11}$	$3.27 \times 10^{10}$	$4.54 \times 10^{10}$
PN		Euro V: MDV		Euro VI: HDV		
UIP	Mean	$\pm 95\%$ Conf		Mean	$\pm 95\%$ Conf	
		(#/kWh)			(#/kWh)	
EN590 B5	$8.29 \times 10^{13}$	$1.15 \times 10^{13}$	$1.34 \times 10^{13}$	$1.14 \times 10^{11}$	$1.13 \times 10^{10}$	$1.25 \times 10^{10}$
LD B5	$8.12 \times 10^{13}$	$1.13 \times 10^{13}$	$1.31 \times 10^{13}$	$1.12 \times 10^{11}$	$1.27 \times 10^{10}$	$1.43 \times 10^{10}$
PDF	$7.33 \times 10^{13}$	$1.02 \times 10^{13}$	$1.18 \times 10^{13}$	$1.12 \times 10^{11}$	$1.27 \times 10^{10}$	$1.43 \times 10^{10}$
PDF50	$9.07 \times 10^{13}$	$1.10 \times 10^{13}$	$1.26 \times 10^{13}$	$1.10 \times 10^{11}$	$1.24 \times 10^{10}$	$1.40 \times 10^{10}$
B30	$7.58 \times 10^{13}$	$1.05 \times 10^{13}$	$1.22 \times 10^{13}$	$1.29 \times 10^{11}$	$1.46 \times 10^{10}$	$1.64 \times 10^{10}$
B30+CNI	$7.44 \times 10^{13}$	$1.03 \times 10^{13}$	$1.20 \times 10^{13}$	$1.25 \times 10^{11}$	$1.41 \times 10^{10}$	$1.59 \times 10^{10}$



Table A2. Cont.

WHVC	Euro VI: HDV		UIP	Euro VI: HDV		WHVC	Euro VI: HDV		UIP	Euro VI: HDV	
NOx conv.	Mean	±95% Conf		Mean	±95% Conf	NH3	Mean	±95% Conf		Mean	±95% Conf
	(%)			(%)			(g/kWh)			(g/kWh)	
EN590 B5	94%	0.8%		91%	0.7%		0.009	0.0030		0.0077	0.0012
LD B5	93%	1.0%		90%	0.8%		0.009	0.0035		0.0079	0.0014
PDF	92%	1.0%		90%	0.8%		0.016	0.0063		0.0093	0.0017
PDF50	93%	1.0%		91%	0.8%		0.011	0.0043		0.0086	0.0015
B30	92%	1.0%		90%	0.8%		0.012	0.0046		0.0116	0.0021
B30+CNI	92%	1.0%		89%	0.8%		0.018	0.0068		0.0153	0.0027
WHVC	Euro VI: HDV		UIP	Euro VI: HDV		WHVC	Euro V: MDV		UIP	Euro V: MDV	
AdBlue cons.	Mean	±95% Conf		Mean	±95% Conf	EGR	Mean	±95% Conf		Mean	±95% Conf
	(g/kWh)			(g/kWh)			(%)			(%)	
EN590 B5	17.60	0.601		24.23	0.630		27	0.74		10.4	0.63
LD B5	17.52	0.691		24.22	0.727		26	0.86		9.8	0.73
PDF	16.24	0.641		22.70	0.681		26	0.74		10.0	0.63
PDF50	17.54	0.692		24.09	0.723		26	0.74		10.1	0.63
B30	17.49	0.690		24.82	0.745		28	0.86		10.5	0.73
B30+CNI	18.32	0.723		25.44	0.764		27	0.74		10.6	0.63

Note: PN means are geometric means.

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